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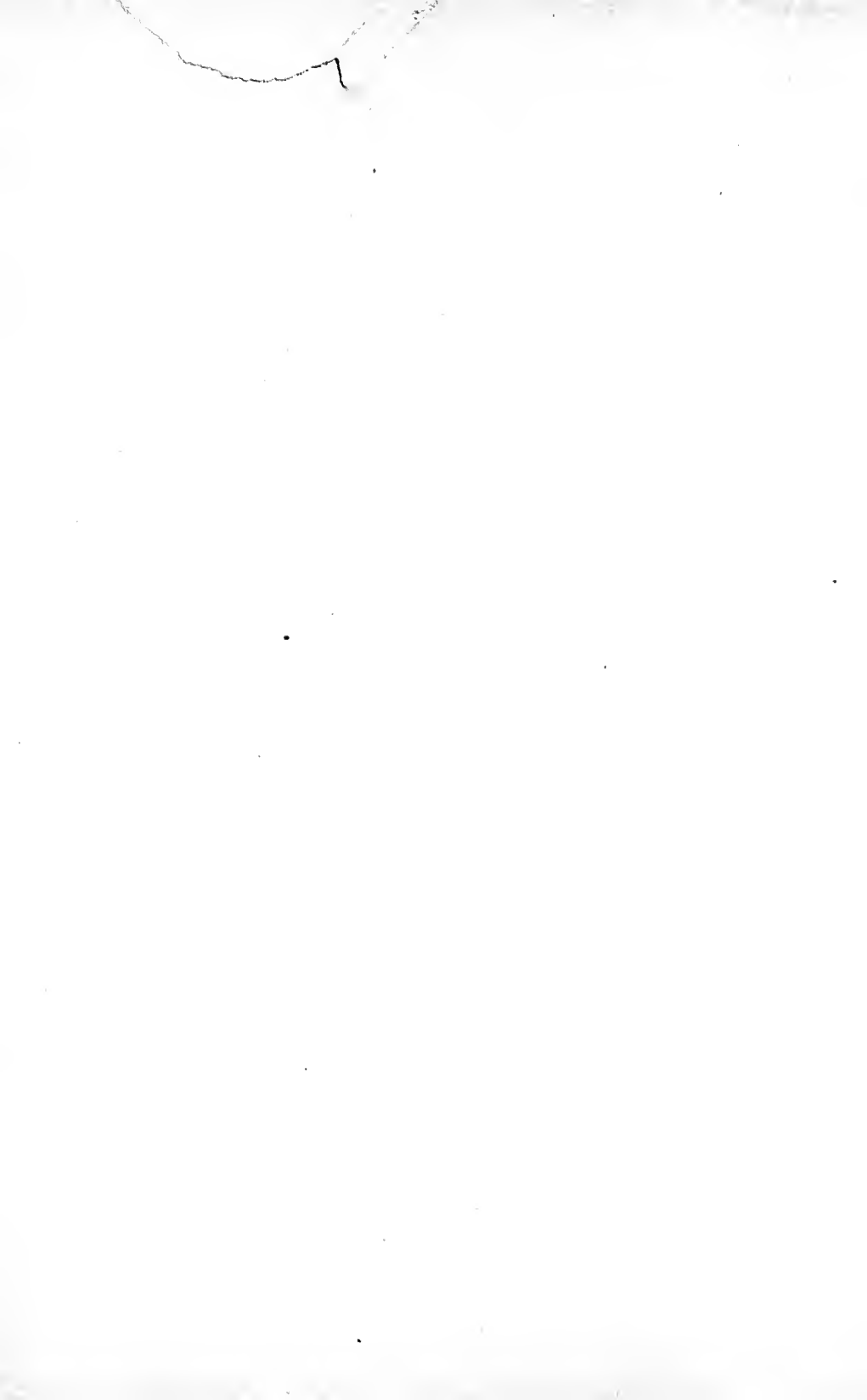
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The thin blank book in which this portion of the journal was kept is a little larger than the four in which the journal was kept to March 1, 1779, and, as a consequence, the margins thereof suffered more damage than did those of the first four books.

Thursday 22 July 1779

Present Edward Blake Esq

Josiah Smith & Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}.—

The following orders was drawn on the Treasury in favour of
[word obliterated] following Persons—

William Logan Esq ^r . for hire of the Sloop Sally on	}	[Figures obliterated]
a Voyage to St. Eustatia, in the Public Service		
Mess ^{rs} . Blakes & Sawyer for hire of Sloop Argo on a	}	[Figures obliterated]
Voyage to St: Eustatia, in the Public Service. . . .		
Mr. Joseph Atkinson, for hire of Sloop Fancy, on a	}	[Figures obliterated]
Voyage to St. Eustatia in the Public Service - - - -		
John Minott for 48 days hire of Negro Man Charles	}	[Figures obliterated]
⌘ his Acco ^t ; for the Battoes		
Paid by W Burt, Charles Day, for 48 days work on	}	[Figures obliterated]
Battoes ⌘ his Acco ^t		
W ^m . . Burt for Amo ^t . of Pay Bill for Volunteers	}	[Figures obliterated]
on board the Brigg ^t . . Beaufort—		
W ^m . . Burt. . for Amo ^t . of Pay Bill for the Eagle	}	[Figures obliterated]
Pilot boat		
Cap ^t . Benj ⁿ . . Stone for Amo ^t . of the Pay Bill for	}	[Figures obliterated]
Sloop Rachel, in the Public Service—		
W ^m . Burt for Amo ^t . of the Pilot boat, Crisis pay Bill		[Figures obliterated]
Amo ^t Bro ^t Over		[Figures obliterated]
Sam ^l . Beckman & C ^o for Amo ^t . of his Acco ^t for Sundries		[Figures obliterated]

A Note from His Excellency the Governour

General Lincoln having requested a Pilot Boat to Send with a flagg
to Sevannah, The Commissioners of the Navy will order one of the
Pilot Boats (if to be Spared) to proceed on that Service

(Signd) J. Rutledge

To

July 22nd. . 1779—

Edw^d. . Blake Esq^r. 1st. Comm^r. of the Navy

A Letter to His Excell^y John Rutledge Esq^r. .

Sir/

Navy Board July 22nd 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy have received your Excel-
lencys note informing them that Gen^l. Lincoln has Aquested a pilot
boat to goe with a flagg to Sevannah and desiring them to Order
one for that Service, and begg leave to Acquaint your excellency

that they think it would be better to provide a Nother Vessell for that Purpose as the Branch Pilots, not receiving any pay, think it a hardship to be Ordered on Service that put them out of the way of procuring Subsistence and at the Same time think it may be of bad Tendency, on accot. of the Negro Pilots being liable to be inveigled from the Boats and got into the Enemys Service; for the above reasons the Board begg leave to Recommend that a nother Vessel be Employed for the Service of a [break]lagg—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st [Break]

Adjourned to Monday Morning

Monday 26,, July 1779—

Present Edward Blake Esqr. . 1st Commr.,
Josiah Smith & Edward Darrell Esqrs.,—

A Letter to Cap^t., James Pyne

Navy Board 26th., July 177[break]

Cap^t., James Pyne

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct
th[break] you do Immediately bring to Charlestown the Rutledge
Galley and take on board water and Provisions for 2 Months and
have the Galley in readiness to proceed on Service on the Shortest
Not[break]

By Order of the Board

E. Blake 1st., Comm[break]

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury, in favour
these Person's Vizt.

W ^m ., Burt for Amo ^t . of the Pay Bill for the }	£804. 16[break]
Prison Schooner Pack Horse & pay Bill dl'd. . }	
John Hardy for Amo ^t of his Accot. against the Prison	
Schooner	277 [break]
Rich ^d .. Fordham, for Amo ^t of his Accot. against	
the Brigg ^t Bee	1554. 10 [break]
Monsure Lator for Amo ^t . of his Accot.. for }	484. 3 [break]
Doct ^{rs} .. Instruments for the Revenge Galley— }	
John Hugel for Amo ^t . of his Accot.. for work at }	247—
the State Ship yard }	
Joseph Bee. for Amo ^t . of his Accot. for the Rutledge	
& revenge Galleys	1514 [break]

W ^m .. Stone. for Amo ^t . of his Acco ^t . for Pilotage	}	184 [break]
of the Brigg ^t Notre Dame, to North Edisto & Back		
John Knights for Amo ^t of his Acco ^t . for Pilotage	}	[break]
of the Brigg ^t Belong ^s to North Edisto & Back. . .		
Thomas Stewart, for Amo ^t of his acco ^t . against the S ^o . Edisto Gall		
[break]		
Nathaniel Lebbey for Amo ^t . of his Acco ^t against the [break]		

Order of Privy Coun[break]
In privy Council.

Orderd

That the State Brigantines Notre Dame and Beaufort Proceed Immediately to George Town and there take under convoy the Vessell Called the Rice Bird, which they are to see safe over the Barr of Charlestown, and then to Cruize for a week on the Coast

By Order of his Excellency
(Signed) W^m Nisbett Sec^y P. . C.

A Letter of Instructions to Cap^t: W^m Hall

Cap^t W^m Hall

Navy Board July 27th. . 1779

Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Embrace the first favourable Opportunity to proceed to Sea in the Notre Dame, in Company with the Brigg^t. . Beaufort, and that you do furnish Cap^t. . Tryon with proper Signals to prevent your being Separated during the Cruize, which you are to be particularly careful not to do, unless obliged by Stress of weather or a Superior Force of the Enemy, as soon as you get over Charlestown Barr, you are to proceed with all possible dispatch to Georgetown and there take under your Convoy a Vessel Called the Rice Bird, with her you are to proceed in Company with the Beaufort, with all possible Dispatch, for Charlestown Barr; and by no means Suffer the Beaufort, or rice Bird to Separate from you till you see the Rice Bird safe over Charlestown Barr, after which you are to Cruize in Company with the Beaufort, along the Coast not Exceeding Eight days, during which time you are to take sink, Burn, or distroy any Vessels or goods belonging to any of the Subjects of the King of Great Britain except such as belong to Bermuda or New Providence, should you be so fortunate as to take any prizes you are to be particularly careful to put a proper Person on board as prize Master, with a Sufficient num[break] to Navigate her with orders to proceed to Charles-

town, or some other porte of South Carolina, and not to [break] of the Provisions and [break] to be wasted or Extravagantly Expended, and that all the officers make regular returns to you agreeable to your former Instructions, you are to Endeavour by every means in your power to Cultivate Harmony and good order among the Officers and Crew as soon as your Cruize, is Ended you are to Call of Charlestown Barr, and Advise the Commissioners by Letter by the Pilot boat of every Circumstance worth Communicating during the Cruize and by no means leave the Vessel yourself or Suffer any of [break] Officers or men to goe on shore till you receive Orders from the Board

By order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comr

A Letter of Instructions to Capt. W^m. Tryon
Capt. W^m Tryon

Sir/

The Brigantine Beaufort being Clean and well fitted having her Compliment of men provitions and water on board The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Embrace the first good Opportunity and proceed to Sea in Company with the Brig^t Notre Dame, and that you do Continue to keep Company with and by no means Seperate from her during the Cruize, before you sail over Charlestown Barr, you are to Call on Capt. Hall for proper Signals, which you are to pay due attention to, to prevent Separations, you are to Obey all Orders from Capt. Hall as Commanding Officers, as soon as you get Over Charlestown Barr you are to proceed in Company with the Notre Dame for Georgetown, and there take under your Convoy a Vessel Called the rice Bird, with her you are to proceed in Company with the Notre Dame with all possible dispatch for Charlestown Barr, you are not to Seperate from or Suffer the Rice Bird to Seperate from you, till you see her over Charlestown Barr, after which you are to Continue to Cruize with the Notre Dame, along the Coast not Exceeding Eight days [break] which time you are to take Sink Burn or destroy any [break] belonging to the King of Great Britain [break] you be so fortunate [break] Careful and put a proper person on board as prize [break] Number of men to Navigate her, with orders to proceed to Charles[break] or Some Inlet in the State of South Carolina, and not to plunder or abu[break] any prisoners but treat them with the Greatest humanity and [break] you are to Endeavour all

in your power to Cultivate Harmony and good Order Among the Officers and Crew, and to Cause all your Officers to Carry a Steady and regular Command, and se that no provisions or Stores be wasted or wantonly Expended, and to Cause all your warrant officers to make Just and regular returns of all Stores Expended during the Cruize, and of all remaining on board at the End of every Month, at the End of the Cruize you are to Come of Charlestown Barr, and to advise the Commissioners by Letter, by the Pilot boat of every Occurrence worth Communicating during the Cruize, and by no means leave the Vessel yourself or Suffer any Officer or men to goe on shore till you receive Orders from the Board.

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm[break]

A Letter to Cap^t. Will^m Hall

Cap^t. W^m Hall—

Navy Board 28 July 1779

Sir/

There being forty Barrels of pork in the Hands of M^r. W^m. . Cole Mercht. in George Town, which he purchased sometime since for the use of the Navy, you are hereby directed to receive the Same from him and to have it brought round here, either in the Schooner Rice Bird (if she has room for it) or to have it divided on board the Brigg^t. Notre Dame and Beaufort, Say twenty Barrels in each Vessel

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Comm^r—

[Break of half a line] Excellency John R [break]

[Break] Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to Acquaint Your Excellency that the three Gallies, are Nearly Compleated by the Carpenters, but that no Capt^{ns}., is yet Appointed for them, nor is [break] Possible to get men to Enter for them Vessels on the wages allowed by the State, The Commissioners of the Navy Board begg leave to recommend to your Excellency that the men Serving on board any Gal[break] in the Service of this State be allowed Seventy pounds ¶ Month and One hundred Dollars Bounty on their Signing Articles to Serve Six Months, and That the Capt^{ns}., and Officers of the Galleys should al[break] have their wages Advanced, as they have no Chance of takeing any Prizes, & must depend wholly on their wages for their Own and fami[break] Sub-sistence

By Order of the Board
E. Blake, 1st Comm[break]

A Letter to Cap^t., Thomas Smith

Cap^t., Thomas Smith Navy Board Aug^t.. 3rd 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Inform you That you are appointed to the Command of the Galley now in the hands of M^r. David Hambleton and Direct that you do have said Galley properly rigged and fitted with all possible Dispatch so as to be ready for any Service on Shortest Notice, and that you do recommend to the Board proper fitt persons, for Officers, and Engage as many men to Serve on board her or any other Vessell in the Navy of this State (for Six Months) as you possibly can, on the Same terms you Enlisted Men for the South Edisto Gallies with a promise if the Governor should order the wages to be advanced, to Seventy pounds ⁷⁰ [break] which the Commissioners of the Navy Board have recommended [break] done, that they shall be allowed the Same, in the mean time [break] Delay may happen, The Commissioners direct that y[break] a few hands on the best terms you can to get the V[break]¹

Cap^t. John Hardy²

Sir/

The Commissioners of the [break] that you do have the Pack Horse Prison Vessel under you [break] Immediately removed into the Middle of the River nearly opp[break] to the Exchange and have her well moored and that you do hire hands for that purpose on the best terms you can, and as soon as the Vessel is properly moored that you report to the board

By Order of the board

Copy of the above wrote to Cap ^t . Daniel Rhoads of the Prison Brigg ^t Salley & Cap ^t . Andrew Rogers of the Prison Ship Earl of Chester	}	E Blake 1 st . Comm ^r —
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A Note from His Excellency The Governour

The Commissioners of the Navy will be pleased to Order the Prison Vessels removed into the Stream of Cooper River, furnished with the hands required by the Commissary of Prisoners on the best

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²The top of the page, containing the beginning of this letter, with its heading, was burnt off.

terms they can be procured— Cap^{tns}.. to Sleep on board Every Night

(Signed) J Rutledge
(this order to be Copyed before the Letter to } Aug^t. 4th 1779—
Cap^t Hardy }

A Letter to Cap^t. Stephen Devaul

Navy Board 9th Aug^t. 1779

Cap^t. Stephen Devaul

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy board direct that you do take the Charge of the Crissis Pilot boat, with all Stores belonging to Said boat Agreeable to Inventory dl'd Cap^t Turner, and that you have a Strict watch kept on board her

By Order of the board

E Blake 1st Comm^r

Edw^d Blake p^d. Cap^t Benjⁿ. Ford two hundred & forty Eight Dollars. £390.—

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[Break] Navy Board [break]

[Break] Commissioners of the Navy, direct that you do Imm[break] make a report to the Board of the State and Condi[break] of the Rutledge Galley, under your Command, the Number of [break] and Officers belonging to her, and the Reasons why you cannot procure Seamen

By Order of the Board

E. Blake 1st.. Comm[break]

Copy of the above wrote to

Cap^t. Sisk, Cap^t Boitar

Cap^t Tho^s Smith, Cap^t. Benjⁿ. Ford, of the Other Galleys—

A Letter to His Excellency the Governour

Sir/

Navy Board 16 Aug^t— [break]

The Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to Inf[break] your Excellency that they are greatly in want of Cordage, Canvas and Other Stores for the use of the Navy Department, which Arti [break] cannot be purchased at any price in this State, they therefore begg leave to recommend to your Excellency that liberty be giv[break] to Export about three hundred Barrels of Rice to the

West Indies to Import Such Necessary Articles as the Commissioners may direct for the use of that Department

By Order of the board [break]
E Blake 1st. Comm [break]

His Excellency the Governour

A Letter from His Excellency the Governour

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy May Export three hundred Barrels of Rice, as they desire for the Purpose mentioned in your Letter.

Your most Obed^t. Serv^t

(Signed) J Rutledge
Wednesday Morn [break]

An Order was Drawn on the Treasury in favor [break of a word or two at the end of the line, and of a line or two at the bottom of the page where burned.]

A Letter to [break]

Capt. . John Hardy

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy [break] that you do Immediately Carry the Schooner Pack Horse to Hobcaw and there have her graved, and Cleaned with all possible Dispatch and then Immediately bring her Back to Charlestown, and take on board Such Prisoners, as the Commissary of Prisoners may Direct

An Order was drawn on the Treasury By Order of the Board
in favour of Tho^s Smith for a E Blake first Comm^r
mast Supplied the Notre
Dame, at Georgetown. .£162..10/..—

An Order to M^r Paul Pritchard

M^r Paul Pritchard

Navy Board Aug^t. 21st. 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy board
Direct that you do Immediately Clean & Grave the Schöoner Pack Horse — —

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm^r

A Letter to Cap^t W^m Hall

Cap^t. W^m Hall

Sir/

Your Letter ③ the Pilot Boat, Just came to hand in Answer thereto you are to Continue to Cruze in Company with the Brigg^t. Beaufort, agreeable to your Orders deliverd from the board; the Commissioners have only to recommend that you do not Seperate from the Beaufort, nor Suffer Cap^t. Tryon to Seperate from you, on any Account what ever— and that you keep so close to the Land along the Shore, as to prevent being cut off by any Superior force and that you do Stretch a Long the Shore, to the S^o. ward as far as North Edisto, and Endeavour all in your power to take or distroy two small boats which are hovering in and about the mouth of that Inlett— You are to be particularly carefull not to Venture too near to any Ship, till you are well Satisfied of her Strength as the Ariel 20 Gunn Ship has been Seen Cruzing off this Barr, Someti[break] after Cruzing along the Shore, the time limited in your for[break] you are to hove of the Barr, and Advize the [break of word or two at bottom of page]

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Navy Board 24 Aug^t— 1779

A Letter to Cap^t. W^m. Tryon

Cap^t. W^m. Tryon

Sir/

In your Instructions from the Navy Board you was directed to advise the Commissioners by every Oppertunity, of every Occurrence, worth Communicating du[break] the Cruze, they are Surprized that so little regard has been [break] to that part of their Orders, the Commissioners of the Navy board direct that you do Continue to Cruze along the Shore agreea[break] to your former directions, and that you Obey all orders rec[break] from Cap^t. Hall; during the Cruze as Commanding Officer and that you do not by any means Seperate from the Notre Dame, unless obliged by Stress of weather or to avoid being Captured by a Superior force and at the End of the Cr[break] advise the Commissioners by Letter the State of the Beaufort and of every Occurrence during the Cruze—

By Order of the Board
E. Blake 1st Comm[break]

A Note to His Excellency the Governour

Navy Board Aug^t— [break]

Edw^d. Blake presents 'his Compliments to his Excellency the [break]nour and Acquaints him that the Notre Dame & Beaufort are [break] the Barr, and will be glad of his Excellencys Directions [break] to Order them into port or Continue to Cruize on the Coast twelve or fourteen days longer, E B is of Opinion it will be to the advantage of the State for them to remain Cruizing, as [break] Number of Vessels belonging to Charlestown, is Expected [break] Different Ports in the Course of that time—

A Note from His Excell^y the Governour

Sir

Be pleased to Give Orders, for the Notre Dame [break of several words] Cruizing as you Propose [break of several words, the bottom of the page being burnt]

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Navy [break]

Mr. W^m Saltridge—

Sir/

You are Immediately to send to the sh[break] Yard at Cochrans all Such public boats as want any repa[break] or to be Cleaned that they may be put in good Order and be ready for any Service when wanted—

By Order of the board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r.

A Letter to Cap^t. W^m HallCap^t. W^m. Hall

Navy Board 30th. aug^t— 79

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Continue to Cruize with the Brigg^t. Notre Dame in Company with the Brigg^t. Beaufort, in Such Station as directed in your former Orders, untill the 12 day of Sept^r. . next unless Obligated to put into port Sooner, by Stress of weather, or to avoid being Captured by a Superior force of the Enemy, you are not by any means to part with the Beaufort, nor Suffer her to part from you if it can possibly be avoided, and as there is great reason to Expect a Number of Vessels from the West Indies in the Course of ten days you

are therefore to keep a good lookout for them, and give every assistance in your power to get them Safe into port, you are also to give the Earliest Intelligence, of the appearance of any fleet on the Coast and of any Intelligence worth Communicating

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm^r=

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[Break] Cap^t. W^m Tryon

Navy Board 30th aug^t. 1779

Cap^t— W^m Tryon

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Continue to Cruize with the Brigg^t Beaufort, in Company with the Notre Dame in Such Station as directed in your former Orders, untill the twelfth day of Septem^r. Next, and that you do not by any means Seperate from the Notre Dame, unless forced by Stress of weather, or to avoid being Captured by an Enemy of Superior force, and that you do Obey all Orders you may receive from Cap^t. Hall during the Cruize as Commanding Officer

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm[break]

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Representatives the 31. Day of August 1779

Resolved, That the Pay of the Officers and Seamen of the Several Galleys in the Service of this State, in future, be as follows that is to Say—

The Captain four Dollars ₹ day and two Dollars for his Table

The Lieutenants three dollars ₹ day

The Doctor

The Master

The Boatswain

The Gunner

The Purser

The Carpenter

} Sixty Dollars ₹ Month

The Seamen Forty five Dollars ₹ Month Each

Resolved, That the Sum of one Hundred Dollars be allowed and paid as a Bounty, to each and Every warrant and petty Officer and

able Seaman, who shall Enlist to Serve on board the Said Galleys for the Term of Six Months—

Resolved, that there be allowed and paid for the Hire of Twenty able Bodied Negroe Men, to be Employed on board each of the Said Galleys, The Sum of forty Dollars $\frac{2}{3}$ Month each, That the Said Negroes be duly Appraised and Valued when taken into the Service, And that Satisfaction be made to the Proprietors of Such of the Said Negroes as may be maimed killed or Captured by the Enemy while Employed in the Said Service,—

Resolved that this house will make Provision for Defraying the Expenses that may be Incurred in Consequence of the foregoing Resolution

Ordered, That the foregoing Resolutions be Sent to the Honorable the Senate for their Concurrence—

By Order of the House
Tho^s Farr, Spea[break]

In the Senate 1^s. Sept^r. 1779

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[Break of half a line] be returned to the House of Representatives,

By Order of the House
Ch^s— Pinckney President

A Letter to Dan^l. Smith Esq^r—

Sir Navy Board Sept^r. 4th.. 1779—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Immediately on Receipt of this, Contract with M^r. Dorsius & M^r. Bellemy to Supply the Navil Department with twenty thou[break] Pounds weight of Ship Bread, to be baked with all possible Dispa [break] the whole to be deliverd by a Certain day; and that you do Immedi[break] Purchase from Cap^t. Buckle or any Other person as much Cordage [break] will be Necessary to Compleat all the Galleys,

By Order of the B[break]
E. Blake, 1^s Comm^r:

A Letter to Cap^t. James Pyne

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct, that you do Immediately on rec^t. of this, Endeavour by Every means in your Power, to Enlist Seamen and able bodied Negroe Men to Serve on board the Rutledge Galley for Six Months, and that you allow One Hundred Dollars Bounty to every able Bodied Seaman and forty [break] dollars $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ Month, and for every able Bodied Negro man forty Dollars $\text{\textcircled{P}}$ Month, the Negro to be appraised, and the Owner to be Set[break] in the Value, in Case of being killed Captured or maimed by the Enem[break] The Commissioners also direct that you do with all possible Dis[break] have the Rutledge Compleatly fitted, and ready for Immediate [break]

By Order of the Bo[break]

E. Blake 1^s [break]Copy of the above wrote to the following Captn^s:

Cap^t. Benjⁿ. Ford, and the Command^r officer of the Revenge & S^o. Edisto Galleys—

A Note from the [break]

The Governour Requests that Cap^t. Blake will give the Necessary Orders to the Rice Bird, The Beaufort & Notre Dame and the [break] Vessells going to Join the French Fleet

Saturday 4th Sept^r. 1779A Letter to Cap^t W^m HallCap^t. W^m. HallNavy Board 4 Sept^r 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Naval Department direct that you do Immediately proceed with the Notre Dame in Company with the Beaufort as farr to the Southward as Georgia and Join Count D Easting fleet and put yourself under his directions while he remains on that Coast in Order the Better to Enable you to Execute this Order the Commissary has Sent you a Supply of Provisions by the Rice Bird—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm^r—

A Letter to Cap^t W^m Tryon—

Cap^t. W^m. Tryon

Navy Board 4th Sept^r. 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Immediately proceed with the Brigg^t. Beaufort in Company with the Notre Dame as farr to the S^o. ward as Georgia and their Join Count DeEastang fleet and follow any directions you may receive from him while on that Coast, and to Enable you to Execute this Order the Comm^{rs}— has Sent a Supply of Provisions by the Schooner Rice Bird

By Order of the Board

E Blake first Comm^r

A Letter to Cap^t. Poinsett of the Schooner Rice Bird

Sir/

Navy Board 5 Sept^r. 1779—

With the Schooner Rice Bird under your Command you are to Proceed with all Possible Dispatch to the S^o.ward in Quest of the french fleet and as soon as you Join Count DeEstang you are to follow his directions [break] he may want the use of the Rice Bird, after which you are to make [break] your way Back to Charlestown if on your way you should fall [break of three or four words] Dame & Beaufort you are to deliver the Proviti[break]

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[Break] Cap^t. Stephen DeVaul

[Break] DeVaul

Navy Board 4 Sept [break]

Sir/

By the Particular request of the Governour the Commissions of the Navy Board direct that you do Immediately proceed to Sea with the Pilot Boat under your Command and Carry Such of the Pilotts which are going to the french fleet as you can Immediately Collect and put them on board the french frigatt which is now in the offin in Sight of the Town, and bring on Shore Such Officers as may want to Come with dispatches for the Govern[break] or Councill—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm[break]

To the Pilotts Going to the French Fleet

Navy Board 4th Sep[break]

Gentlemen

One of the French Frigatts being now in Sight of the Barr, Probably Came for the Express purpose of Procuring Pilotts for the fleet— The Comissioners of the Navy Board request that you hold yourselves in readiness to go on board her on the Shortest Notice Such Gentlemen as chuse to proceed in Either of [break] Pilott Boats, or in the Schooner Rice Bird may do So— But the Commissioners Recommend it as the Safest as well as the Quickest Passage to goe in the Frigatt—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm[break]

To Mess^{rs}. Cap^t. Tucker, Minott, Stone &C—

A Letter to Cap^t. John Addison 4 Sept^r. 1779—

Cap^t. John Addison

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do proceed with all possible dispatch with the Schooner G[break] Moultrie under your Command to the Southward and Ende[break] by Every means in your Power to Join the french fleet, and p[break] yourself under the directions of Count DeEtang during his [break] to the S^o.ward as soon as he has done with you you are to, [break] of your way to Ch^s.town—

By Order of the Boar[break]

E [break]

This Note to be Copyed after this Letter¹

E Blake present his Compliments to his Excellency the Governour and Acquaints him that Addison Schooner will be ready to proceed to the Fleet in two Hours, if your Excellency think proper to have her Sent E B will give Orders—

She is a fine Schooner for the purpose and he a Very Active Skilful Man—

By all Means—²

An Order was [break of half a line] W^m. Burt for Am^t: of the Pay Bill of the [break of two or three words] Galley Cap^t. Boitar.—

¹The original note is pasted to the page.

²This in the handwriting of Governor Rutledge.

A Letter of Instructions to Cap^t. BoitardCap^t. Marshal BoitarNavy Board 8 Sept^r. 1779—

Sir/ The Lee Galley being now fitted Victuled & Manned and ready to proceed on a Cruize, The Commissioners of the Navy Board, direct that you do Embrace the first fair wind and proceed with all possible dispatch to Count DeEstang's Fleet, and on your arrival their Acquaint him that you are Directed, by this Board to Obey any Orders he may give you which Orders you are to Endeavour by Every means in your Power to Carry Into Execution; As soon as the Count Informs you that he has no further use for the Galley you are to make the best of your way into S^o. Edisto Inlet and their Cruize for the Protection of the Inland Trade, Till you Receive further Orders from this Board, during the whole of your Cruize you are to Endeavour by every means in your Power to take Burn Sink or distroy any Vessels or goods Belonging to the King of Great Brittain or any of his Subjects, But by no means Suffer any of your Officers or men to goe on Shore Either in this State or Georgia to Plunder or Distress any of the Inhabitants, But Such as are well known to be Enemys to the Cause of America and in that Case you are not to Suffer any of your People to dispose off or Conceal any Articles whatever till such things have been regularly Condemned in a Court of admirality you are to be particularly Carefull of all provisions and Stores and that none be wasted or Extravagantly Expended, and that the Prop[break]fficers keep Exact Accounts, and make regular Returns to y[break] Stores Expended, which Return you are to lay before the [break of three or four words] pay Bill will be allowed [break of six or seven words] from Ch^s.town you are to draw on the Board for Payment, taking care to send Certificates of every Article so Purchased and draw for, and your drafts Shall be duly Honoured—

By Order of the Boar[break]

E Blake 1st Comm[break]

Copy of foregoing Instructions wrote
to Cap^t. Corvaisier of the Galley Marquest of
Brittany

An Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of the following
Cap[break]

Cap^t. James Pyne. for two thousand Dollars.....£3250..

Cap^t. William Sisk for two thousand Doll^s..... 3250..

Cap^t. Benjⁿ. Ford..for two thousand..d^o..... 3250—

8th., Sept^r. 1779—

£9750..

Copy of a Note to Capt. Benjⁿ Ford

Capt. Ford is directed by the Commissioners of the Navy Board to deliver to Capt. Pyne or Sisk all the Men that belong to his Galley to Serve on board Either of them Galleys during the Short Service they are now going on

By Order of the Boa[break]

9 Sept^r. 1779

E Blake 1st Comm[break]

A Letter to M^r. Paul Pritchard

Navy Board 10th Sept [break]

M^r. Paul Pritchard

Sir/

The Commissary is in want of a Num^r. of Oars for Boats & Schooners, and the Commissioners of [break] Navy Board Direct that 25 pair be Immediately prepa[break] and Sent to Town and Deliverd to M^r Dan^l Smith—

By Order of [break]

E Blake [break]

A Letter [break]

Capt. James Pyne

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do proceed on the Rutledge Galley of which you are Cap^{tn}. with all possible dispatch to the Southward in Serch of the Enemy and use every means in your Power to take or distroy any of the Enemys Vessels or Boats, where ever they may be found, you are by Every Opportunity to Acquaint Count DeEstang of your Situation and to desire his directions how to proceed with the Galley, and endeavour by every means, in your power to Carry into Execution all Orders Rec^d, from him—

Should you not receive orders from Count DeEstang, and General Lincoln, or the Commanding Officer of the American Army, should require any Immediate Service from you you are to receive his orders, and Endeavour all in your power to Execute them with Resolution and Dispatch, you are to act on every Occasion in Conjunction with the Revenge, unless orderd by Count DeEstang or the Commanding Officer of the American Army on Separate duty you are as Senior officer to deliver to Cap^t Sisk Orders in writing, whenever you have Occasion to send him on any Duty, and you are to be Particularly Carefull of all the Stores and provisions that none be wasted or Extravagantly Expended and you

are to advise the Commissioners of Every Occurrence worth Communicating during your Cruze, and Should you have Occasion for any fresh Provisions for the use of the Galleys you are to Purchase it and Draw on the Board for the amo^t. . which Draft will be duly honoured, You are not on any pretence whatever to Suffer any Officer or Men to goe on Shore out of either of the Galleys to Plunder or take anything from any of the Inhabitants of this State or Georgia, unless Such as are well known to be Enemys [break] American Cause and in that Case you are not to Suffer any offi [break] or make away with anything till Regularly [break]

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[Break] to Cap^t W^m Sisk

Navy Board 10th. .Sept^r. 1779

[Name illegible]

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do proceed in the Revenge Galley, of which you are Cap [break] with all possible dispatch to the S^o.ward in Serch of the Enemy, and [break] every means in your power to take or distroy any of the Enemys Ves[break] or Boats wherever they may be found, you are by every Opportunity to Acquaint Count DeEstang of your Situation, and to desire his directions how to proceed with the Galley, and Endeavour by Every Means, in your Power, to Carry into Execution all Orders rec^d. from [break] Should you not receive Orders from Count DeEstang, and Gen^l Lincoln, or the Commanding Officer of the American Army, should require any Immediate Service from you, you are to receive [break] Orders and Endeavour all in your Power to Execute them with Resolution & Dispatch, you are to Act on Every Occasion in Conju[break] with the Rutledge Galley, unless orderd by Count DeEstang or the Commanding Officer of the American Army, on Seperate duty and you are to Obey all Orders from Cap^t. Pine, as Senior Officer, and you are to be particularly Carefull of all the Stores & provisions that none may be wasted or Extravagantly Expended, and you are to ad[break] the Commissioners of every Occurrence Worth Communicating during your Cruze, and Should you have Occasion for any fresh Provisio[break] for the use of the Galley you are to Purchase it and draw on the [break] Board for the amount, which draft will be duly Honoured you are not on any Pretence whatever to Suffer any Officer or men [break] goe on Shore out of your Galley to Plunder

or take anything from any Inhabitant of this State or Georgia, unless such as are known to be Enemys to the American Cause, and in [break] are not to Suffer any Officer or men, to Sell or make way [break] thing till Regular Condemned in a Court of admiralty

By Order of the B[break]

E [break]

A Letter [break]

Mr. Paul Pritchard

[Date burned off]

Sir/

In the late Gale of wind Count DeEstang's Ship had her Rudder hurt and is in want of Timber to make a New One also Timber to make three or four other Rudders for Ships of the Line—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Request that you do Supply all the undermentioned Timber with all Possible dispatch as the safety of the Ships greatly depend on your Exertion in this Matter

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r

1 Peice 42 feet 8 Inches long } Oak
2 feet 1½ In Square }

2 Pieces 35 feet Long—13 Inch^s Square—Oak

1 P^s. . . 37. d^o. 4 Inches long } 1 feet 7½ In Square, Pine

2 p^s. . . 37. d^o 4 In. long 1. feet 9 1/3 In Square. Oak

1 p^s. . . 32 feet long. . . 1 feet 4 In Square, Pine

1 p^s. . . 30 feet Long—10 2/3 In Square, Oak

1 p^s. . . 52 feet Long — — 2 feet 2 In diamiter for a bow Spritt

1 p^s. . . 59 feet long. 20 Inches Diamiter. for a d^o

1 p^s. . . 80 feet long. . . 17 Inches in the Slings, for a yard

1 p^s. . . Pine 77 feet long 20 Inches for a Jybboom for the longua Dock

1 p^s. Oak 15 feet long 15 Inches Square for an anchor Stock—

A Letter to Capt. W^m. Hall

Capt. W^m. Hall

Navy Board Sept^r 11th. . 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navil Department Direct that you do Immediately Proceed to Sea in the Nôtre Dame, with all Possible dispatch, and Endeavour to Join Count DeEastings fleet, which is now of the Coast of Georgia, as soon as you Join the

French Fleet you are to wait on the Commanding Officer, and Receive Orders from Him Respecting your Duty which Orders you are Punctually to Obey, As soon as Count DeEstang Shall acquaint you, that he has no further Service for the Notre Dame, you are to Proceed with all Possible dispatch for Charlestown—during your Cruize you are to advise the Commissioners by every Opportunity of Every Occurrence worth Communicating—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Commr.

A Letter to Mr David Edgar

Mr. David Edgar

Navy Board 13th Sept^r. [break]

Sir/

Youll please remove from the Ship y[break] all the Tools & Ct. that belong to the Public, and have them Delivered to the Commissary for the Navil Department as soon [break] Possible, and deliver to Cap^t. Cochran the Yard & Such S[break] as were hired from him—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Com 1[break]

Two slips of paper, containing the following memoranda, were pasted to the page containing the two foregoing letters:

We the Subscribers being Called upon by Cap^t. Tho^s— Buckle to value two Negro Men Named Bacchus & Pomp'y both good Coopers to be taken in the sea Service on Board of the Ship Bricole Cap^t. David Lockwood
Charles 16th 1780

town

Do give our opinion that the above two Negroes Named Bacchus & Pompey are worth Twenty thousand pounds Current Money of So. Carolina each.—

Ch^s.town So Carolina 16th Feby 1780

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David Saylor

Daniel Smith

Dr

1780

To Anthy Jn^o Kosskey

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To Francis Kinloch Esq ^r — for the Schooner Watboo	} £25,,00..
Converted into a Galley, for the use of the State	
To W ^m . Stone for amo ^t .. of his Acco ^t .. for Bringing down Wraggs Schooner, & ^c	15[break]
To Fardo & Galliard for Amo ^t . of their acco ^{ts} . for boards, dl'd David Hambleton & Acco ^t . dl'd.....	} 15[break]
To Jacob Boomer for Amo ^t . of 15 Beef acco ^{ts} . & acco ^t dl'd.	
To W ^m ., Burt...for Amo ^t ..of the Revenge Galleys, Volunteer's Pay bill	10571[break] 1797[break]
To Robert Beard for Amo ^t . of his acco ^t . to 19 th .. July last.	292[break]
To Benjamin Hawes for amo ^t of his acco ^t . against the Beaufort	43[break]
To John Turner for amo ^t of his acco ^t . for Bounty p ^d for Shiping men on board the Eagle Pilot Boat.....	} 42[break]
To Mess ^{rs} . Sam ^l . Prioleau J ^u - & C ^o for Amo ^t of 2 Acco ^{ts} . for Sundys— bo ^t —	
— — — —by Dan ^l Smith, Commissary— — —	115[break]
To Daniel Jinkins for Amo ^t . of his Acco ^t . for Beef Sup- plied the Notre Dame & Bellona— — — — —	} 76[break]

Friday [break]

Extra Meeting

Navy Board

Present Edw^d Blake Esq[break]Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^r—The Following Orders was Drawn on the Treasury in favour of the
Following Persons. . —

Thomas Bourke for Amo ^t of his Acco ^t for Langrage	} £274.. — . . —
Supplied the S ^o - Edisto Galley —————	
W ^m - Clarke for Amo ^t of his Acco ^t . against the Crisses Pilot boat	589.. — . . —
W ^m . Burt for Amo ^t . of Pay Bill of the Ship Count of Sabran Cap ^t Gasquay	} 3386.. 10..
Thomas Shewbrick for amo ^t . of two Accounts....	
Amo ^t . of Acco ^t . for Negroe Wages £295.. Amo ^t	} 1822.. 10—
of Acco ^t for [undecipherable] £1527.10/	

£6072.. —

Adjourned to Saturday 4. oClock

Navy Board 18 Sept^r. 1779

[Break] Meeting

Present Edw^d. . Blake Esq^r. first Comm^r.
 Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury in favour of the
 foll[break] Persons—

Thomas Stewart for amo ^t . of his Acco ^t . against the	}	£132[break]
Lee Galley for £786..5/- amo ^t of acco ^t against the Carolina Galley £540		
Benjamin Jinkins for amo ^t of his acco ^t for Beef	}	1597[break]
Supplied the Brigg ^s — Notre Dame & Bellona, / dl'd E. B/=		
Katharin Harvey for amo ^t . of hir acco ^t . . for Negroe's	}	568[break]
Hire at Cochran's Ship.		
		£3493[break]

Adjourned to Monday 4. OClock
 afternoone

Navy Board, Monday 20th., Sep[break]

Present Edw^d. Blake Esq^r— first Comm[break]
 Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

A Letter to Mr. John Gaborell

Navy Board 20th. Sept^r. 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy desire you will attend the Board tomorrow afternoon at 5. OClock as they will be glad to know why the leading Mark, which you so long Since Contracted to put up for Lawfords Channel is not yet Completed—

By Order of the Board
 E Blake 1st Comm^r—

Adjourned to Tuesday afternoon 4, OClock—

[Break]y Board

Tuesday 21st., Septemb^r., 1779

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first Comm^r.

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Following Order was drawn on the Treasury in favour of the fol[break] Person..—

George Hutton for Amo^t. of his Acco^t. against the }
S^o. Edisto Galley for wages due him. } £138[break]

Adjourned to Thursday after Noon 4, O.Clock—

Navy Board, Thursday 23rd.. Septemb^r.. 1779—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r.. first Com[break]

Josiah Smith & Edw^d. Darrell Esq^{rs}..—

The following Order drawn on the Treasury, for in favour of the [break] Person...

Daniel Smith, Commissary for the Navil Department }
on acco^t. } £[break]

Adjourned to Monday 4, O.Clock [break]

Navy Board Monday 27th Sept^r. Adjourned to Tuesday 4 O.Clock

Navy Board, Tuesday 28th.. Septemb^r.. 1779—

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r, first Comm^r

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

* The following Orders drawn on the Treasury in favour of the Following Person—Vizt

Blakes & Sawyer for Amo^t of Iron bo^t. for the Hobcaw }
Ship Yard by E Blake— — — — — } 3045,— —
W^m Burt for Amo^t of Acco^t., for Cordage bo^t. of Sam^l }
Paine for the Galley Debrettney————— } 287 — —

the Clerk was orderd to pay W ^m . Cameron acco ^t against the Brigg ^t Beaufort	}	60 —
		£3392.. —

Adjourned to Thursday 4—OClock—

[Break]y Board Thursday 30th.. Septem^r.. 1779—

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first Comm[break]

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the Following Person's—

Seth Gilbert for Amo ^t . of his Acco ^t . against the Rut- ledge Galley	}	£409..	
Benjamin Ford for Amo ^t . of his Acco ^t against the Gal- ley Carolina for Seamen's Wages— — — —	}	1194,,	[Break]
W ^m Burt for amo ^t of the Prison Brigg ^t Salley, for Amo ^t . of Wages due Cap ^t Dan ^l Rhoads—	}	528..	
		£2132,,	[break]

Adjourned to Friday 4. O.Clock

Navy Board, Friday 1st., October 1779—

Present, Edw^d Blake, Esq^r. first Comm^r—

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

Adjourned to Monday, 4. O.Clock—

Navy Board Monday 4th., Octo[break]

Present Edw^d. Blake Esq^r. 1st. Comm^r

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the Following Persons. Viz^t..

W ^m ., Saltridge for Amo ^t . of his Acco ^t . as boat keeper from 1 st .. June to 14 th .. Septem ^r last	}	£1621.. 5.. —
⌘ Acco ^t . dl'd	}	

Nath^l Libbe for Amo^t. of his Acco^t. against the Galley

Debritteney— — — — —	549.. — ..
W ^m . Burt... for Amo ^t . of Pay Bill of the Crisses } Pilot Boat	— .945.. — ..
W ^m .. Johnson for Amo ^t . of Sundry Acco ^{ts} .. against the Galleys, Pilot boats Brigg ^t .. Notre Dame & Brigg ^t Beaufort— — — — —	18192.. 5.. —
Josiah Smith for Amo ^t . of Acco ^{ts} ., against Desaus- sure Smith & Darrell & Acco ^{ts} dl'd — — — — —	45731.. 15.. —
	<hr/> £67039.. 5.. —

Inserted before the Orders above

A Letter to M^r. W^m Saltridge

Sir/ Navy Board 4th.. Octob^r., 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Immediately Collect all the Boats belonging to this State, and that you lay before the board on Tuesday Next, an Exact return of all the Boats, and the State and Condition of each, as no pay Bill will be allowed till such returns is made, and all the Boats Collected in Charleston—

By Order of the Board

E Blake, 1st.. Comm^r—

Adjourned to Thursday. 4..O..Clock—

[Break] Board Thursday 7th.. Oct^r., 1779.,—

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r.. 1st Comm^r—

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell.. Esq^{rs}..—

The following Orders drawn on the Treasury in favour of the Following Person—

Daniel Rhoads, for amo^t. of his acco^t. against the } £144.. [break]
Prison Schooner Pack Horse. }

a Note to W^m Burt.

Navy Board 8th. Oct^r. 1779—

Mr W^m. Burt

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you write a Letter to Cap^t. Hall of the Notre Dame and one to Cap [break] Boitard of the Lee Galley and Acquaint them of all the articles Sent for the use of the different Vessells—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1 Comm[break]

A Letter to Cap^t W^m Hall

Cap^t. W^m Hall

Sir/

By Order of the Commissioners of the Navy Board I now Send you by the Eagle Pilot Boat, two anchors a Hhd West India Rum, 3 Barrels Pork, two Tearces bread & two Bbbs Rice which I wish Safe to your hand: & am Sir your most Hb [break]

W^m. Burt

A Letter to Cap^t Boitar

Cap^t.. Boitar

Navy B[break]

Sir/

By Order of the Commissioners of the Navy Board I now send you by the Eagle Pilot boat, 2000^w Gunpowder, (for Cannon). 50^w for Musketts, 400-18^w., Shott 200-12^w Shott. 2 Rhems, Cannon Cartridge Paper, 4 quires Muskett [break] 50^w. Match Stuffe—2-18^w Rammers & Spunges, 1 Hhd West India Rum 6 Barrels Pork— 600^w Bisquets, 2 Tierces Peas, one d^o Rice 1 furkin Butter—all which I wish Safe to your hand

& am Sir your Hble Serv^t

W^m Burt

Copy of Advertisement

Navy Board 8th— Oct^r— 1779

Wanted for the use of the Navil Department, Two hundred Barrels of good Salted Beef, and three Hundred Barrels good Salted Pork, any Person willing to Supply the whole or any Part thereof are desired to give in their Proposals in writing to W^m Burt,, Clerk of the Navy Board, or Dan^l Smith Commissary of the Navil Department.

Copy of a Letter to Capt. Rich^d HamCapt. Rich^d Ham

Sir

With the Eagle Pilot boat now under your Command you are to proceed with all possible dispatch to Georgia where you are to deliver Such goods as you may have on board for the use of the army, to the Proper Officers Appointed to Receive them You are then to proceed to the Brigg^t Notre Dame and deliver on board of her all such Stores and Provisions as has been put on board by the Commissary for that Vessell, after which you are to follow all such Orders as you may Receive from Count DeEstang [break]manding Officer of the french fleet

By Order of the [break]
[Bottom line burnt off]

Copy of [break] Capt Benjⁿ.. Ford

Capt Benjamin Ford

Navy Board 12th., Oct[break]

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do proceed in the Carolina Galley of which you are Capt. . with all possible dispatch to Savannah in Sarch of the En [break] and use every means in your power to take or distroy any of the Enemys Vessells or boats, wherever they may be found, you are by every Opportunity to Acquaint Count D^eEstang of your Situation and to desire his Directions how to proceed with the Galley, and Ende[break] by Every means in your power, to Carry into Execution all Orders from him, Should you not receive Orders from Count D^eEstang, and Ge[break] Lincoln, or the Commanding Officer of the American Army should require any Imediate Service from you, you are to receive his [break] and Endeavour all in your Power to Execute them with Resol[break] and dispatch, you are to act on every Occasion in Conjunction with with the Rutledge Galley, unless ordered by Count D^eEstang or the Commanding Officer of the American army on Separate duty and you are to Obey all Orders from Capt Pyne as Senior Officer, and are to be particularly Carefull of all Stores & provisions that none may be wasted or Extravagantly Expended and you are to advise the Commissioners of every Occurance worth Communicating during [break] Cruize, and Should you have Occasion for any fresh provisions [break] the use of the Galley, you are to Purchase it, and draw on the Board for the amo^t., which Draft will be duly honoured, you are not on any Pretence whatever

[Top line burnt off]

Navy Board [break]

Present Edw^d Blake [break]

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}.—

The following Order was drawn for in favour of the following Persons

McCulley Righton for Amot of his Cooperage

accot. . . ~~§~~ accot. dl'd

£2968.. 2.. 6..

Thomas Cole for amot^t. of his wages due him from

Ship Gen¹ Moultrie

I737.. 5..—..

Benjⁿ. Ford for to pay Bounty to men for the

Carolina Galley 2437..10.—..

Daniel Smith for an Order on accot, of his accot— 20000.—.—.—.

£27142..17.. 6..

Adjourned to Monday after Noon 4. O'Clock—

Navy Board

Monday 18th.. Oct^r.. 1779—

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Comm^r—

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^r.

Adjourned to Thursday Evening 4 O.Clock

Cap^t Stephen Devaull } A Letter to Cap^t. Stephen Devaull

Navy-Board 26st Oct^r—79

Sir The Commissioners of the Navy department direct that you do Immediately proceed in the Eagle Pilot boat, with all possible dispatch to the French fleet, and attend on them agreeable to any Orders you may Receive from the Commanding Officer till such times as he may give Liberty to the Pilotts belonging to this State to leave the fleet, as soon as you can get the Pilotts you are to

Proceed directly for Charlestown; but on no pretence whatever leave the Fleet so as to Endanger any of our Pilotts being Carried of in the Fleet—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm^r.

[Break of several words] on the Treasury for in favour [break]

[Break] from His Excellency the Governour

By Advice of the Privy Council I do hereby Authorize and Require you, to Cause the Eagle Pilot boat to be Impressed and taken for the Public Service; Agreeable to the directions of the Ordinance of the General Assembly in Such Case made & provided; passed the [break] day of October A. D. 1778 for which this Shall be your warrant

(Signed) J Rutledge—

Tó Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first Comm^r. }
of the Navy of S^o. Carolina— }

27th.. Oct^r. 1779— (Copy of appraisement of the Eagle Pilot Boat)
The Subscribers being Appointed by the Commissioners of the Navy to appraise the Schooner Eagle, do upon Oath Value her agreeable to the within Inventory at the Sum of Seventy thousand Pounds Curr^y the 27th. Oct^r.. 1779—

{ 2 Letters over leaf from the Governour }
{ to be Inserted before this Letter to Cap^t Poinsett }

A Letter to Cap^t. Poinsett; of the Schooner Rice Bird—
Navy Board 28th.. Oct^r.. 1779—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Immediately Take on board the Rice Bird, such provissions & Stores as Gen^l Lincoln may have Occasion to Send for the use of wounded Troops on board the different Vessels at Ogechia, and that you do Apply to him for Such provisions and Stores, and proceed with Same with all possible dispatch for Ogechia and deliver them again to his Orders.

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comint [break]

A Letter from His E[break]

Sir/

The Eagle Pilot boat is to be taken [break of three or four words] under the authority of the Ordinance for Impressing Boats
H. C.—3.

&C- But I have not that Act be me and do not Recollect, what Steps is required to be pursued in Such a Case I therefore wish you would Order Devaull to Stay till I can get a Sight of the Law, which will be about 9 to Morrow Morning—I am your most Obed^t Serv^t
 Wednesday 20th.. Oct^r—1779— J Rutledge

Charlestown 26th. Oct^o—1779

Sir/

I desire that you will as soon as Possible procure a nother Pilot Boat to be Built, & fitted for Service, for the use of this Port & am
 Your most Obed^t Serv^t
 (Signd) John Rutledge

N B These 2 Letters to be Coppyed }
 before the Letter to Cap^t Poinsett }

[Break] Board, Thursday 28th., October 1779—

Present. Edw^d. Blake Esq^r. first Comm^r—

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}.,

The Following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the Following Persons Viz^t.:

David Edgar for Ball ^e . of his Acco ^t .. due him from the State Ship yard at Cochrans.....	} £2153..2[break]
W ^m Sommarsall for Amo ^t . of his Acco ^t for 38 bbls Rice dl'd the Commissary & Bill dld	
Benj ⁿ ..Hawes for Amo ^t : of his Acco ^t . against the Revenge Galley.	} 203..15[break]
W ^m Burt for Amo ^t ., of Septimus Robinson Sail Maker Acco ^t . against the Brigg ^t .. Beaufort	
Mary Darling Admin ^r . of Est ^a . of Joseph Dar- ling for amo ^t of the following Acco ^{ts} ../ Notre Dame £242.10/. Brigg ^t Beaufort Acco ^t . £1200 Notre Dames, ditto £862..10/..	} 715.—[break]
Joseph Bee for Amo ^t . of his Accounts as fol- lows— Viz ^t .. Amo ^t . of the Lee Galley £973.12..6 Amo ^t . of the Carolina Galley Account \$1232..10/. Revenge Galley £410.	
Amo ^t . of the Prison Schooner Acco ^t . £50.. Amo ^t . of Acco ^t . for Rations £456	} 2305..[break]
W ^m Burt for Amo ^t . of Pay Bill of the Eagle Pilot Boat.	
	} 3122..[break]
	} 311..18[break]

The Clerk was Orderd to write a Letter to M^r Pritchard desiring him to attend on the Board Immediately—

Adjourned to Monday 4. O.Clock

Navy Board, Monday [break]

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. 1. Com[break]

Josiah Smith & Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}—

Adjourned to Thursday 4, O.Clock

A Letter to Cap^t Poinsett

Cap^t. Poinsett

Navy Board 4 Nov^r. 1779

Sir

You are to deliver the Schooner Rice Bird to Cap^t. W^m Sisk who is Appointed to the Command for this Voyage and you are to deliver him a particular acco^t. of all the Stores belonging to her, and take his Receipt for the Same—

I am Sir your Hble Serv^t

Edw^d Blake 1st. Comm^r

A Letter to Cap^t W^m Sisk

Cap^t. W^m Sisk

Navy Board 4 Nov^r. 1779

Sir/

You are to take the Command of the Rice Bird to goe to Georgia as a flagg, for which Purpose you are to wait on Gen^l Lincoln to know what Officers and Prisoners are to goe with you, and you are to take as many hands from on Board the Revenge Galley as will be necessary to man her and take provisions & water on board Immediately that you may Sail this Morning with out fail—you are to give Particular Charge to the Lieu^t of the Galley about the Stores &C^a. and on your Return so that none be lost, you'll also desire Cap^t Poinsett to deliver an Inventory of all Such Stores as is on board the Rice Bird for which you are to give him a Receipt so that [break] may be Returnd at the End of the Voyage

By Order of the [break]

[Bottom line burned off]

A Letter to Cap^t W^m Hall

[Break]

Navy Board 6 Nov^r. 1779.

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do send from on board the Notre Dame a proper Officer to take care of

the Revenge Galley and all her Stores, and that said Officer be directed to remain on board, and to act as Commander till Cap^t. Sisk returns from Savannah, and That he dont Suffer any of the People belonging to the Galley to leave their duty—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r—

A Letter To M^r. . Stephen Devaull

Sir/

By desire of his Excellency the Governour, The Commissi
[break] of the Navy Board direct that you do Immediately take Possession of the Eagle Pilot boat, belonging to the State of South Carolina, and that you do take a particular Inventory of all Stores, and if any Person Refuses to let you have Quick Posses[break] or if any of the Stores are wanting which you left on board you [break] to Acquaint His Excellency thereof and he will order a guard to put you in possession, & a Return of Such Stores as may be want [break]

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm^r—

Navy Board 6 Nov^r 1779

A Letter to Cap^t. Boitard

Sir/

Navy Board 6 Nov^r. 1779

With the Lee Galley under your Command you are to Proceed with all possible dispatch to Charlestown in Company [break] the Marquest of Brittany Galley, The Commissioners Recommend That you do proceed in land, and that you do not Seperate from the Marques of Brittany on any Pretence,

By Order of the [break]

E Blake, 1st. Com[break]

A Letter to [break]

Sir/

Navy[break]

With the Marquest of Brittany Galley under your Command you are to proceed with all possible dispatch for Charlestown in Company with the Lee Galley, and that you do not Seperate from her on any pretence whatever, The Commissioners of the Navy particularly Recommend that the Six Negroes mentioned in your Letter belonging to M^r Gibson be taken Care of and Brought to Charlestown in the Galley

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r.

P. S. we have neither Beef or Pork at Present, in the Store to Spare Such as is fit to Send, you are to Purchase Beef for the Vessel, as you Come along, and that no accident may happen for want of Salt The Commissioners now Send two Bus^{ls}—

A Letter to Cap^t Benjⁿ. Ford

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Received Information by M^r. Agnew, of your being with the Carolina Galley at Beaufort, they realy Expected to have received a Letter from you, Informing them the State and Condition of the Galley, and any Other Occurrences that might have been worth Communicating Agreeable to your Orders from the Board, The Commissioners recommend that you be Particularly Carefull and keep a good look out to prevent being Surprized by the Enemy—

By Order of the Board

Navy Board 6 Nov^r. 1779—

E Blake 1st., Comm^r

[Break]y Board Monday 8 Nov^r., 1779—

Present. Edw^d Blake Esq^r.. 1st. Comm^r—

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^r—

A Letter to M^r Paul Pritchard

M^r Paul Pritchard

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that the Schooner Pack Horse, and the S^o: Edisto Galley be Immedia [break] Graved & Cleaned, and put in good Order for Immediate Service

By Order of the Board.

E Blake 1st. Comm^r

A Letter to M^r Paul Pritchard

Navy Board 8th.. Nov^r. 1779

Mr. Paul Pritchard

Sir/

The State being in Immediate want of a good Pilot boat, The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do lay before the Board by Thursday next an account of the

Expences of Building and Compleatly finishing the Hull [break]
 Spars of a Boat of about 42 feet long to be built purely for fast sa
 [break] The Commissioners Recommend that the whole of the frame
 Except the flore Timbers be of Cedar, and that you do fix the
 Earliest time for Compleating her,

By Order of the Board
 E Blake 1st Comm^r,

A Letter to Mr Daniel Smith Commissary—
 Mr. Dan^l Smith Navy Board 8 Nov^r. 177[break]

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct
 that you do Immediately purchase for the use of the Navy Depart-
 ment Two hundred Bus^l Salt and One hundred Barrels flour, Ten
 Hhds Taffia & two Puncheons of Rum

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st C[break]

Mr Smith to remember to get the two Suits of Sails and what Can-
 vas remain in the hands of M^{rs}. Darling & Mr Robertson Sail
 Makers—

The following Orders were drawn on the [break] in favour of
 The following Person

John Farrow, for Amo ^t of his Acco ^t . for Pilotage of Vessels	£153.15/..
Benjamin Worthing for Ball ^a — of his Account due him } from the States Shipyard—	944.5.

A Letter to Cap^t. W^m Hall

Sir/

Navy Board 8 Nov^r. 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you have the Brigg^t
 Notre Dame Carried to Hobcaw Shipyard and have her put into
 proper Order for Sea, with the Greatest Expedition

By Order of the Board

E. Blake first Com^r—

Adjourned to Thursday 4. o.Clock—

[Break]y Board Thursday 11th., Nov^r. 1779

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. 1st: Comm^r

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}.—

The Following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of
The Following Persons—

William Choplin, for amo ^t . of 2 Orders for Beef	}	£918..15/..
Supplye'd the Carolina Galley—		
Paul Pritchard for Amo ^t . of his Order in favour of	}	10,000.—..
Rob ^t . Bruce, on Acco ^t of the State Ship yard		
Hobcaw		
Robert Larry for Amo ^t . of Wages due him from	}	388..[break]
the Brigg ^t Polly while in the Service of the		
State —————		
Daniel Smith for Ball ^a . due him on his Acco ^t . to		
1 st . Oct ^r . 79.		22582..[break]
John Hardy for Amo ^t . of Acco ^t . due him from Prison	}	271..[break]
Schoon ^r Pack horse.		
Adjourned to Monday 15 th ..Nov ^r 1779		
4. O,Clock		

Navy Board, Monday 15th., Nov [break]

Present Edward Blake Esq^r. first Comm[break]

Josiah Smith & Edward Darrell Esq^{rs}.,—

A Note to M^r Paul Pritchard

Navy Board 15th.. Nov^r 1779

M^r. Paul Pritchard

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board
direct that the Brigg^t., Notre Dame be Immediately put in thorough
good repair for any Service she may be Ordered on

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm^r

The Following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of
the Following Persons Viz^t.,

Cap ^t . Lafont, for 3 Hhds Taffia supply'd the Car-	}	£5460.—..—
olina Galley Qt ^y 168 Gall ^s @ £32—10/—		
W ^m Burt for Amo ^t of the Pay Bill of the Brigg ^t	}	£10119..6..10
Notre Dame to 3 Novem ^r —£10119.6.10		

A Letter from His Excellency the Governour—

Sir/

Nov^r. 15th., 1779.

I wish you would have a Report made Respecting the two french Flutes as soon as Possible, and know the Price of them also Pray where were the Galleys according to the last Accot you have of them

Your most Obed^t Serv^t

Signed

J Rutledge

Adjourned to Thursday 18th., Nov^r., 1779

[Break]y Board Thursday 18th.. Nov^r. 1779—

Present Edw^d. Blake Esq^r. 1st. Comm^r—

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

A Letter to Cap^t. Benjⁿ.. Ford

Cap^t. Benjⁿ., Ford

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do remain with the Carolina Galley to Cruize between St. Helena Sound in land and Beaufort, untill you receive further Orders from the Board and that you do be Particularly Carefull that you be not Surprized by the Enemy and if in want of any Provisions that you Purchase and draw on the Board for the Amount which draft will be duly Honoured, you are to Advise the Board frequently as well the State and Condition of the Galley as of any Other Occurrence worth Communicating, and to be particularly Carefull that Exact Returns be made of the Expenditures of all Stores & provis[break]

By Order of the Board—

E Blake 1st Comm^r—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the following Persons—

Ichabod Atwell for amot. of Board Supplyd David	} £171.. [break]
Hambleton, for the Revenge Galley—	
W ^m . Burt for amot. of Eight Casks Rum, dl'd..	} 13617.. [break]
the Commissary & accot. dl'd.	

Adjourned to Monday 22 Nov^r—

4. O.Clock afternoon—

A Letter to Cap^t BoitardCap^t. Boitard

Navy Board [break]

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do Immediately Cause all the Powder to be delivered from on board the Gen^l Lee Galley into the Magazine at Cummins' Point and that you do Carry the Galley to hobcaw and have her cleaned and Graved and fitted for Service with all possible dispatch and that you do Endeavour all in your Power to Enlist thirty five Seamen besides Officers to serve on board her or any Vessell in the Navy of this State for Six Months, and as an Encouragement to men to Enter into the Service you are to allow to every warrant & petty Officer, & able bodied Seaman One hundred Dollars, and Monthly wages agreeable to the List Annexed, Vizt. Cap^{tn}. Four Dollars per day & two Dollars for his table, Lieutenant three Dollars per day, -

Doctor, Master, Boatswain, Gunner, Purser, & Carpenter Sixty doll^s per m^o. the Seamen forty five dollars per M^o each—

You are as soon as Possible to deliver to the Board a pay Bill for Such as are Entitled to their discharge, and a proper Return of all stores Expended during the Cruize—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r—

a Copy of the above Letter wrote to Cap^t— Corverser, }
of the Marquest of Britteny Galley }

A Letter to Cap^t W^m Hall.Navy Board 19th., Nov^r— 1779C[break] W^m. Hall

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board being Informed that there Remains on board the Notre Dame only a few Boys to do the Work of the Vessell, and that Provisions is taken from the Butcher for thirty two hands, The Commissioners of the Navy Board therefore direct that you do se the People belong[break] to the Notre Dame Musterd on board Every morning and give an Order on the Commissary for the Navel Department to furnish [break] Provisions & C^a for the Number of hands actually Employ[break] on the Business of the Said Vessell—

By Order of the Board—

E Blake 1st. Comm^r—

Navy Board, Monday 22 Nov^r. 1779—

Present, Edw^d. Blake Esq^r. 1st: Comm^r

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the Following Persons—

James Roach for Amo^t of his Acco^t. for Cordage. . . £1018. . .—

Charles Boucheneau for Amo^t. of Acco^t for Rum } 3282. . [break]
 dl'd the Commissary —————

John Gerley for Amo^t. of Acco^t. for Oakum for } 500. . [break]
 the Revenge Galley —————

William Burt for Amo^t. of Pay Bill, of Volunteers } 1797 [break]
 for the Revenge Galley —————

Jacob Boomer for Amo^t. of 16 Beef Acco^{ts} & } 700 [break]
 acco^t dl'd : —————

Paul Pritchard for Amo^t. of an Order on acco^t
 of [break] the State Ship yard Hobcaw [break]

A Letter to Cap^t W^m Hall

Cap^t. W^m. Hall

Navy Board [break]

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do attend the Board on Thursday Next to Inform them of the State and Condition of the Notre Dame, and the Reasons why their Orders of the 19th. . Inst— has not been Observed they are Sorry that so little regard has been paid to the orders from the Board and do assure you that unless you do in future punctually Obey, all orders from this Board that you will Oblige, The Commissioners to take Such Steps as will be disagreeable to them—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r

Adjourned to Thursday 4. O.Clock afternoon

Navy Board, Thursday 25th., Nov^r. 1779

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. first Comm^r

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The Following Order was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the Following Person

W^m Burt for Amo^t of Pay Bill of the Gen^l Lee Galley £6283.12.6

W^m. Gowdy for amo^t. of 8 Kegg Butter, dld the Com-
 missary 3885. . .—

Abraham Dacosta & C ^o for amo ^t of his acco ^t for	}	2425.16.—
Flour Supplyd the Commissary		
Mess ^{rs} . Stevens & C ^o for Amo ^t of Flour, dl'd the	}	2896.8[break]
Commissary		
Isaac D ^a Costa Jun ^r for Amo ^t of his Acco ^t for flour	}	1129[break]
& C ^a . dld the [break] Commissary		

A Letter to His Excellency the Governour

[Break]

Navy Board 23rd Nov^r. 1779

Capt. Boitard & Corversier have frequently applyed [break] me to know if the Goods taken out of the wrecks in Georgia and Brought in the Lee & Marques of Britteny Galley might be Sold and the Proceeds divided between the Crew of them two Galleys I as often Inford them that the Commissioners of the Navy had no power to direct any matter respecting of prize Goods, The Cap[break] both Called on me this afternoon and Informd me that they had Just Come from your Excellency, and that you told them the Matter lay wholly with me to order the Sale, or deliver up to the Captors, but as the Navy Board has no power to direct such Matters, I shall be obliged to your Excellency to order wither the things be divided or delivered, wholly to the Cap[break] if the Latter I hope it may be given as an Encouragement for their Services on this Particular Occasion, otherways they may Claim the whole of any prize taken in future.

I am your Excellency most Obed[break]
Serv^t—

E Blake—

A Letter to Cap^t W^m Sisk

Cap^t W^m Sisk

Sir/

Navy Board 26th Nov^r [break]

The Commissioners of the Navy Board, direct [break] you do Immediately Collect together on board the Revenge G[break] all the Men belonging to Said Galley, and that you report to the [break] Board this Evening the State and Condition of the Galley, the [break] of men belonging to her, and recommend Proper Person[break] for to Serve on board as Officers,

By Order of the B^oard

E Blake 1st. Com[break]

A Letter to His Excellency the G[break]

Sir/

Navy Board [break]

Cap^t. Hall having represented to the [break] that the Brigg^t Notre Dame was in a bad Condition [break] directed M^r Pritchard to examine her and Report to [break] which Report they Inclose for your Excellencys Inspection.

We are Sir your most Obed^t [break]

His Excellency John Rutledge Esq^r— By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r—

Adjourned to Monday 4. O.Clock afternoone—

A Letter to His Excellency the Governour

Sir/

Navy Board 27 Nov^r. 1779

I some days Past wrote to your Excellency, Informing you of the frequent Applications made to me by the Crews of the Lee & Marquest of Britteny Galleys and Requested your Excellencys directions about the Goods brought in them Vessells— I called at your Excellencys house this afternoon, but you was not at home I am Realy Sorry I am obliged to trouble your Excellency about a matter, that I have no Business with, more then to Satisfy a Number of men who appear to be verry dissatisfyed at being kept out of what they think their right, and that it is in my power to Releve them, I will be obliged to your Excellency if you will direct in what manner, the Goods are to be disposed off wither to be deliverd to the Crew or divided, I would not pretend to Advise in any Respect, but as the Value is so verry Trifling I think it may be an Encouragement to Seamen to Enter on Board the Galleys to give the whole to them in the Manner I mentioned from the Board

I am Sir. your Hbl Serv^t

(Signd) E Blake 1st Comm^r—

A Letter from His Excell^y the Governour

Sir

You will be pleased to order that all the Goods brought in by [break] Lee & Marques of Britteny Galley, be properly divided amongst the [break] as a reward for their Extraordinary Services

I am Sir your [break]

[Bottom line burnt off]

[Break]vy Board Monday 29 Nov^r- 1779

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. 1st Comm^r—
Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

A Letter to Cap^t. Boitard

Sir/

Navy Board 29th., Nov^r- 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that that the Amount of all the goods taken from on board the British Vessels in Georgia and brought in the Lee Galley be divided among the Captⁿ... Officers and Crew of Said Galley agreeable to the Rules of the Navy of this State for the division of Prises, and that you do Inform the Officers and Crew that the Governour has directed the whole of them Goods to be divided among the Crew, as an Encouragement for their Spirited Behaviour on the late Expedition to Georgia—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm[break]

Copy of the above Letter wrote to
Cap^t. Corviser, of the Marquest
of Britteny Galley—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in f[break]
of the Following Persons—

North & Trescott for Amo ^t . of Acco ^t . against the	}	£964.12.. [break]
Eagle Pilot Boat—		
d ^o ..—d ^o .. for amo ^t . of Acc ^t . Supplyd the Lee	}	1300..—.. [break]
Galley		
Christopher Williman for amo ^t of Acco ^t . for Beef	}	3991.. [break]
Supply the Commissary—		
Mess ^{rs} . DesausSure, Smith & Darrell for Amo ^t . of	}	23435.. [break]
their Acco ^{ts} .		
Edward & J. Blake for Amo ^t of their Acco ^t : for	}	19 [break]
Sund ^s Supplyd the Commissary—		
W ^m Sisk for Amo ^t of 2 Acco ^{ts} . p ^d on acco ^t of the Revenge G[break]		
Rich ^d Fordham for Amo ^t of acco ^t against [break]		
Amount of orders Brought [break]		

A Letter to His Excellency the Governour^s

Sir/

Navy Board 29th Nov^r 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to acquaint your Excellency that Cap^t. Pyne has attended the Board, and acquainted them with the loss of the Rutledge Galley, which he was obliged to

Surrender to the Enemy at Tybee and Complains of Cap^t. Hall, of the Notre Dame not affording him proper assistance The Commissioners request to know weather any Inquiry is to be made, respecting the Reason of the loss of Said Galley

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st., Comm^r—

The Commissioners desired the Clerk to acquaint M^r Pritchard that they Intend going to the State Shipyard at Hobcaw on Friday Next 3 Dec^r. 79—

Adjourned to Thursday 2nd., Dec^r

4. O.Clock afternoon—

[Break] Board Thursday 2th Decem^r 1779—

Present Edw^d., Blake Esq^r. 1st., Comm^r—

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}.,—

Adjourned to Monday 6 Dec^r. 1779—

A Letter to Cap^t. W^m Sisk—Navy Board 6th., Dec^r. 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that the Revenge Galley be Immediately waterd, and got in Readiness to Proceed on a Cruize, and that you do apply to the Commissary for Provisions and Such Stores as is actually wanted to Compleat her for three months—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r.

A Letter to Cap^t Boitard

Cap^t. Boitard Sir/

Navy Board 6 Dec^r. 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that the Lee Galley be Immediately, Cleaned & fitted to proceed [break] a Cruize, and that you do Endeavour by Every means in your Power, to Enlist forty able bodied Seamen, to serve on board s[break] Galley for Six Months, agreeable to Encouragement mention [break] in Orders to you of the Sixth Ultimo, and that you do apply to the first Comm^r. for money to pay the Bounty—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1 [break]

A Letter to Cap^t Conversier

Sir/ Navy Board [break]

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that the Marquest [break] Britteney Galley be Immediately Carried to Hobcaw and Cleaned & fitted for a Cruize with all possible dispatch, and that you do Endeavour by Every means in your power to Enlist Forty Seamen to Serve on board Said Galley, or any Other Vessell belonging to the Navy of this State for Six Mo[break] agreeable to the Encouragement mentioned in Orders to you of the 6th Ultimo, and that you do apply to the first Comm^{rs}. for money to pay the Bounty—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm^r—A Letter to Mr Dan^l SmithSir/ Navy Board 6 Dec^r. 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do with all possible Dispatch, furnish Cap^t Sisk for the use of the Revenge Galley with Sufficient water Casks, Rum & provisions of all kinds, to serve Forty men, three Months and that you do also furnish him with all Such Necessary Stores as he may want to Compleat Said Galley for a Cruize

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm^r—[Break]avy Board Tuesday 7th., Nov^r. 1779—Present Edward Blake Esq^r. 1st. Comm[break]Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}. —

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for in fav [break] of the Following Persons— Viz^t. —

Mathias Wolf for Amo^t. of his acco^t. for { £1343 1.. 17.. [break]
Beef, Supply'd the Commissary }

Philip Hart for amo^t. of 80^{bls} Flour, dl'd the
Comm^{ry}

48542. . — . . —

W^m Burt for Amo^t of Pay Bill of the Marquest { 8364. 1 [break]
of Britteny Galley. }

£^s

Adjourned to Thursday

9 Nov^r. . 1779

4. O.Clock, afternoon

A Letter to Cap^t. Sisk/Cap^t. W^m SiskNavy Board 10th Dec^r. 1779

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Inform the Board this Evening by Letter if t[break] Revenge Galley is ready to proceed to her Station, at One of the Inletts, or at what time she will positively be ready to proceed and what Number of men you have belonging to the Galley, as [break] Service of the State Require, that the Galley should be Im[break] Stationed at the different Inletts to protect the Inland Tr[break]

By Order of the B[break]

(Signd) E Bl[break]

A Letter to M^r Paul Pritchard

Navy Board [break]

M^r. Paul Pritchard/

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct, that you do with all possible dispatch, have all the Galleys Cleaned & put in thorough good repair as there is an Absolute Necessity that all them Vessells should proceed to their different Stations at the Inletts, for the Protection of the Inland Trade The Commissioners therefore Request that all other Business be Laid aSide till them Vessells are finished—

By Order of the Board

(Sign'd) E Blake 1st Comm^r.[Break]y Board Monday 13th., Dec^r 1779—Present Edw^d, Blake Esq^r 1st: Comm^r—Josiah Smith Edw^d Darrell & John Edwards Esq[break]A Letter to his Excell^y the Governour

Sir/

Navy Board 13th., Dec^r 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy Board begg Leave to Inform your Excellency that the Eagle Pilot boat is now clean and Ready to proceed on any Service, and will be glad to be Inform'd by your Excellency in what manner that Vessell is to be Employed, if in the Pilottage, M^r Devaull is ready to [break] Charge of her, They also begg Leave to Inform your Excellency that the Rice Bird has been

Laying without any proper Comm[break] Since Cap^t. Sisk Returnd from Georgia with the flagg— The Comm^{rs}., will be glad to be Inform'd from your Excellency what manner that Vessell is to be Employed, and if any Person is appointed to the Command—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r

His Excell^y. John Rutledge Esq^r

The following Order was drawn on the Treasury for in fav^r. of W^m Burt for Amo^t of Pay Bill of the Revenge Galley £4117..3 [break]

Adjourn'd to Thursday 4. O.Clock

Navy Board. Thurs 16th., Dec^r 1779—

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r. 1st Comm^r.,

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^r

Ad[break]

A Letter [break]

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Rec^d your Letter of the 5th.. Inst^t.. with the Indent, Inclosed [break] Such articles as could be got Ready, The Commissary sent you Yesterday by a Canoe, the Remainder he has orders to send by the first good Opportunity; In your former Orders you was directed to Cruize between Scull Creek & St. Helina Sound; The Commissioners of the Navy Board now direct that you do proceed Immediately to Scull Creek with the Carolina Galley and that you do Remain in that Station till further Orders from the Board, That you be Verry Carefull and keep a boat Rowing Guards, as well to prevent any Boats going to the Enemy as to prevent being Surprized by the Enemy

By Order of the Board

(Sign'd) E Blake 1st Comm^r..

A Letter to M^r. Charles Crowley

Sir/

Navy Board 16th.. Dec^r— 1779

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do Immediately Proceed on board the Revenge Galley Cap^t W^m Sisk,

and act on board said Galley as Lieut, and that you do call on the first Commissioner tomorrow Noon to Receive your Commission—

By Order of the Board

(Sign'd

E Blake 1^s— Comm^r—

[Break]vy Board, Monday 20th, Dec^r.. 1779—

Present Edw^d. Blake Esq^r. 1st Comm[break]

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

The following Orders was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the following Persons, Viz^t..

David Hambleton for Amo ^t . of 13 different	} £5528..12/[break]
Acco ^{ts} . & Accounts..dl'd - - -	
Cap ^t Boitar, for Amo ^t ., of Blocks & Junks, dl'd	} 3196..—..[break]
the Commissary & Account.	
Simon Tuffts for Amo ^t . of his Acco ^t . for 2 bbls	} 455..—..—
flour for the use of the Ship Gen ^l Moultrie	
W ^m — Johnson for Amo ^t of the following Acco ^{ts} —	} 516.15..[break]
Viz ^t — Carolina Galley £277.5..—Revenge	
Galley £164.10/. Rice Bird £15	

£9696..7..[break]

Paul Pritchard, on acco^t. of State Ship yard & C^o.28365..7..[break]

£38061..15[break]

A Letter to Cap^t. James Pyne—

Sir/

Navy Board 20th.. Dec^r— 1779

Cap^t. W^m Hall having Resigned his Commission as Cap[break] of the Notre Dame; The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do proceed on Board said Vessel, and take the Command of her, as Cap^{tn}.. and have her fitted and p[break] in good Repair to proceed on any Service—

By Order of the B[break]

(Sign'd) E Blake 1st. [break]

A Letter to Cap^t W^m [break]

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy direct, that you [break] with all Dispatch with the Revenge Galley under your [break] to South Edisto Inlett, and Cruize from thence to S^t Helena [break] Occasionally and Endeavour all in your Power to Annoy any Enemy that may be there, and to protect the Inland Navigation all in your Power; you are to be Vigilant, and take great Care you are not surprized, by the Enemy; you are also frequently to advise the Board of your Situation and of any Occurrences Meterial; you are also to purchase any Provisions you may want on your Cruize and draw order [break] on the first Commissioner for the Amo^t thereof, and be carefull that Proper Account^s are kept of all Expenditures and that Proper Returns be made thereof

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1^s Comm^r

It is Recommended to you to Correspond
frequently with Cap^t Ford of the Carolina
Galley, that you may Act in Concert; upon
any Occasion that may Require it

A Letter to M^r Paul Pritchard

Sir/

Navy Board 21st Dec^r 1779

I am Inform'd that the Stores belonging to the Different Vessels, belonging to the State, now at Hobcaw, are liable to be lost, or Embezled by the People, for want of the Different Officers, for each Vessell; to take proper Care of them— The Commissioners of the Navy Board therefore Request, that you will cause all the Stores to be Removed, out of the Different Vessels into some safe store, and that the Clerk of the Yard do take an Inventory of each Vessells Stores, and have them Placed Seperate in the Store, your Compli-
ance with the above [break] will oblige, the Commissioners of the Navy B[break]

By Order of the B[break]
[Last line burned off.]

A Letter to His Excellency the Governour

Sir/

Navy Board 22 Dec^r [break]

Agreeable to your Excellencys desire, the Commissioners of the Navy Board did on Monday Last send Orders to Cap^t. Pyne, to take the Command of the Notre Dame; and yesterday they Received

the Inclosed Letter, which they send for your Excellencys Perusal:—
 The Commissioners also at the Same time gave orders to Cap^t. W^m Sisk. of the Revenge Galley to proceed to his Station at St. Hel [break] sound, he yesterday waited on the first Comm^r. and Inform'd [break] that he had no pilot (for the S^o Ward) nor doctor, and that [break] People would not goe in the Galley to the S^o. Ward; But that they would be Satisfied to goe to the N^o Ward, as they had been given to understand, by Some of the Planters about Santee [break] that a Large Subscription would be made and given to the Ca[break] of any Galley that might be Stationed at Bulls—
 The Comm[break] of the Navy Board are Verry Sorry that they are obliged to Trouble your Excellency so frequently about Matters Respecting the Na[break] Department; But they are obliged to acquaint your Excellency with the Cause of any Delay in the Service, as it is not in their Power to Oblige Men to Enter into, nor make the few Officers already in it do their duty when Ordered;

By Order of the Board

(Sign'd) E Blake,, 1st., Comm[break]

A Letter [break]

Cap^t., James Pyne Sir/

By desire of his Excellency the Governour, The Commissioners of the Navy Board Direct that you do in Company with Cap^t. W^m Sisk, Immediately go on board of the Bricole & Trout, and Receive áll the Stores belonging to them Ships Agreeable to Inventory deliverd you by his Excellency the Governour—

By Order of the Board

(Signd) E Blake 1st Comm^r.

P. S, you are to goe on board the above
 Mentioned Ships, Early to Morrow Morning
 for the Purpose above Mentioned— }
 Copy of the above Letter wrote to }
 Cap^t. W^m Sisk, (Same day— }

[Break]avy Board, Monday 3rd., Jan^y. 1780

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the Following Persons Vizt. .

George Croft for Amo^t. of Rum, dl'd Cap^t W^m }

Tryon by Mr. James Gordon, at George Town } £4200. . [break]
 20th., Aug^t. 79 }

Edward Weyman for Amo ^t . of his Acco ^t for	} 14,845..[break]
Sundrys dl'd the Commissary	
Meyer Moses for Amo ^t . of his Acco ^t .. for Sun-	} 11,046,,4,,[break]
drys dl'd the Commissary—————	

£30,091..4..[break]

Adjourned to Thursday 4. O.Clock—

A Note to Mr. Stephen Devaull

Mr. Devaull

Navy Board 5 Jan^y. 1780

Will please to deliver the Small Pilot Boat, into the Care of Mr. John Farrow, who is appointed to the Command—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r

A Note to Capt. Jam^s Pyne

Sir/

You'll please to deliver all the Provisions left on board the Bricole, by the French Cap^{tn}. . that was not Mention'd in the Inventory—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Com[break]

Capt James Pyne

[Bottom line burnt off]

A Letter from His Excell^y John Rutledge

Sir/

Jan^y 6th— 1780.

Upon talking to the Pilots this Morning, at Council, they have agree'd that Swain & Farrow shall goe in the Ranger and the Eagle Tender, and that the fees of the Pilotage, earned by the Crissis, whilst the Eagle is Employed, as a Tender to the Ranger, shall be Equally Sharred, amongst her Pilots, & the late Pilots of the Eagle—

I think I some time ago, desired you to give the Necessary Orders for Building a Nother Pilot boat, for the use of this Harbour, be pleased to direct that She be Completed with the utmost dispatch

I am Sir your Hble Serv^t

(Signd) J Rutledge—

Navy Board — — Thursday 6 Jan^y 1780—

Present. Edw^d Blake Esq^r. 1^s... Commissioner

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^r—

Adjourned to Monday 10th. Inst

4. O. Clock Afternoon

A Note to his Excell^y the Governour

Edw^d. Blake Presents his Compliments to his Excell^y the Govern^r. and Acquaints him that he has Just been Inform'd, that the Carolina Galley Cap^t. Ford is Lying in a Verry dangerous Situation [break]t Several of her hands have Lately Left her, and that she [break] taken by any of the Enemys boats, if she [break]

[Bottom line burnt off]

[Break]vy Board Monday 10th.. Jan^y 1780

Present Edw^d. Blake Esq^r. 1st. Comm^r.

Josiah Smith & Edward Darrell Esq^r

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for, in favour of the following Persons—

W ^m Burt for Amo ^t . of 20 kegg Butter, dl'd the	} £8320..—[break]
Commissary & Acco ^t . dl'd him	
W ^m Burt for Amo ^t . of the Pay Bill of the Crissis	
Pilot boat	1800..—[break]
Josiah Dupont for 5318 ^w . Beef, dl'd the Commis-	
sary	6647..10[break]

£16767 10[break]

Adjourned to Thursday 13th Jan^y

1780—4. O. Clock afternoon—

A Letter from His Excell^y the Governour

Sir/

Commodore Whippel having Inform'd me that he is much in want of a Vessel to Carry wood, for Supplying the Contine[break] Frigates, under his Command, and that there is a Schooner called the Pack Horse (which would Sute His purpose) at the States Ship

yard, I Request that you will give Orders for her being deli[break]
to Such Persons as he shall Direct

To
Edw'd Blake Esq^r,
12 Jan^y 1780—

I am your Verry Hble Ser[break]
(Signd) J Rutledge

a Note to Mr D^l Smith

Sir/

Be pleased to deliver to the Order of Commodore Whipp
[break] the Sails belonging to the Pack Horse
12 Jan^y 1780 By Order of the Bo[break]
E Blake r]break[

A Note to Mr Paul Pritchard

Sir

Be Pleased to deliver to the Order of Commodore [break] the
Schooner Pack Horse

By Order [break]
[Last line burnt off]

A Letter from His Excell^y [break]

Sir/

It appearing necessary to have the Bricole (of wh[break] Commodore Lockwood will take charge, for the Present) mounted with the heaviest Mettall, and otherways fitted for Immediate Harbour Service, you will be pleased to direct that the most Effectual means be used for Compleating this Business with the utmost Expedition—

12 Jan^y 1780

I am Sir your Verry Hble
Serv^t
(Signd) J Rutledge

A Letter to Mr David Hambleton

Mr Hamilton

Sir/ The Commissioners of the Navy request that you do to Morrow Morning Early goe on board the Bricole, and Carry Six good Hands to Stantion and other ways secure the upper deck of said Ship, so as to make her fitt to mount heavy Cannon for Harbour Service, and whatever Necessary work Commodore Lockwood may want done to make her Compleat, or Convenient, you

will please do it with the utmost dispatch as the Service of the State at this time Require it—

12. Jan^y 1780—

By Order of the Board
E Blake.. 1st.. Comm^r—

Navy Board—Friday 14th., Jan^y 1780—
Present Edw^d., Blake Esq^r. 1st. Com[break]
Josiah Smith, Edw^d., Darrell & John Edwards Esq^{rs}.,—

A Letter from His Excell^y the Governour

Sir/

Monsure Durumain will goe to Sea, with the French [break] under his Command, Accompanied by two of the Continental Frigates and a Tender as soon as Possible) which Devaul thinks may be to Morrow Morning, in Order to Cruize to the Southward for Several Days, in hopes of Intercepting some of the Enemy's, Transports Expected at Georgia, and Supposed to have been seperated by the late Tempestuous weather; He requires a Coasting Pilot for each Vessell— I therefore request that you will cause six to be Immediately procured for his Service—

It is an Important One, and the Present dispatch is Necessary— I hope the Service will not be Impeded by a want of Pilotts—

I am Sir your Hble Serv^t

(Signd) John Rutledge—

A Letter to His Excell^y the Governour

Sir/

Navy Board 14th.. Jan^y 1780—

The Commissioners of the Navy Board, Agreeable to your Exce[break] request desired the attendance of a Number of Persons Acquainted with the Coast; when the undermentioned, agree'd to goe on the Service required—The Commissioners request that your Excellency, do Recommend Cap^t.. Jere^h.. Dickinson to Mon^s. Duremain to go in his Ship, and to his particular Notice as he is best Ac[break] with the Coast and ready to Serve on Any Application; we [break] also apply to Cap^t: Peacock, and Endeavour to Engage him [break] Service—

Cap^t Jerem^h. Dickinson,,
John Deall; John Whitaker
[break] Layfield

By Order of the Board,
E. Blake 1st-[break]

The Following Orders were drawn[break of several words] for in favour of the Following Persons Vizt:

David Hamilton for Amo ^t . of his Acco ^t . against the Lee ^e Galley, £ Acco ^t ., dl'd.	}	£11077..13..8
Edward Shrewsberry for Amo ^t of his Acco ^t .. against the Carolina Galley £ Acco ^t . dl'd. . .		
W ^m ., Clarke for Amo ^t of his Acco ^t . against the Eagle Pilot Boat £ Acco ^t	}	12666.16[break]
W ^m Burt for Amo ^t of the Pay Bill of the Brigg ^t ., Notre Dame.		
		499..13..9
		1220..12..—
		<hr/>
		£25464—15—3

Adjourn'd to Monday Afternoon }
4. O. Clock. }

An Order of Council

In Council 14 Jan^y 1780

Order'd

That the Commissioners of the Navy be requested to pay the Pilots Employed about Count D^eEstangs fleet, and furnish the Board an Account

Sign'd

W^m Nisbett Sec^y P. C—

Order from His Excell^y the Governour

14 Jan^y 1780

The Commissioners of y^e Navy are desired to Supply the Schooner Speedwell Cap^t. D^eBurd^t with Provisions for Twenty men for three Weeks—

Sign'd

J Rutledge

A Letter to His Excell^y the Governour

[Break]

Navy Board 18th Jan^y 1780

The Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to Inform your Excellency that Cap^t. Dickinson, has declin[break] going as Pilot of the French Commodore, and that Cap^t Peacock has Offered to go provided he is allowed Fifty Dollars £ day, and to have One thousand Dollars advanced him to provide such Necessarys as he is in Immediate want of.. The Commissioners will be

glad of your Excellencys Answer as Early as Possible and to be furnished with Six Warrants as Each pilot request One— —

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm^r

His Excellency returnd in answer to the above Letter that the Commissioners must Comply with the above Request—

Navy Board Thursday 20[break]

Present Edw^d Blake Esq^r 1st Comm [break]

Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}. .—

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for in fav^r of the following Persons—

William Peacock for so much Advanced him to goe Pilot of the French Commodore Mons ^r . } Duremain 1000 D ^o	£1625..—
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Gideon Dupont for Amot. of Beef dl'd the Comm^{ry} 3786..5..—

Lewis Giel for Amot. of his accot. for Bakeing bread—2459..—.—

David Lockwood for Amot. of an Order, on Accot. of ye.

Bricole. 1625..—

£

Adjourned to Monday 24th., 1780

4. O. Clock Afternoon—

A Letter to Cap^t Boitar

Navy Board 24th.. Jan^y 1780

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board, direct that you do cause the Lee Galley now under your Command to be fitted with all possible dispatch to proceed on any service you may be Ordered, and that you do Endeavour all in your power to Enlist a Sufficient Number of Seamen and proper Officers to Man Said Galley (on the Encouragement allowed by the State) and that you do apply to the first Comm^r for money to pay the Bounty to Such Seamen as may Enlist to Serve [break] Six Months

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st [break]

A Note to His Excell^y the Governour

M^r Blake Presents his Compliments to his Excell^y the Governour, and Acquaints him that he Sometime past directed Cap^t. Pyne, to Carry the Ship Trout to the State Ship yard at Hobcaw, as a place of Safety, Cap^t. Pyne having Inform[break] him that her Cables were but Indifferent,—

he also begs leave to Inform his Excellency, that the Comm[break] of the Navy Board have never received any directions respect [break] the fitting of the Bricole & Trout, or any Information of the Appointment of Cap^{ts}. to the Command of them Ships other [break] then by Verbal Messages—he will therefore be much Oblig [break] to his Excellency, to Acquaint the Board in what Manner he would have them Ships fitted, weather for harbour or Sea Service, and if any appointment to the Command that the Commissioners may give the Necessary Orders to have them Completed with Dispatch, if the Trout is to be fitted for a Cruizing Ship, Cap^t. Pyne Says it will be necessary to [break] off her upper Deck, which will be attended with Considerable Expence & Delay——

Jan^y 24th 1780—

To His Excell^y the Governour—

Ann Order from Council: 24th Jan^y.. 1780

Orderd

That the Comm^{rs}. of the Navy be directed to have the Vessells called the Bricole the Trout, the Notre Dame & the Galleys Immediately fitted for Harbour Sarvice, that they Employ the Ship Carpenters belonging to the Public and as many private Ship Carpenters as can be procured allowing the Private Carpenters, a Consideration for their Services [break] Rate they now work at

Sign'd.

W^m Nisbett Sect^y P. [break]

In Council 24 Jan^y 1780

Orderd

That the Vessells Called the Rice Bird [break] Immediately fitted for River Service [break of a line and a quarter]

A Letter from His Excell^y [break]

Sir/

Upon Inquiry I found that the Clerk of the Council had Neglected to furnish you with the Orders passed thereby relative to the

Navy of this State, But as soon as the Council broke up to day, I sent him to you, with an Extract from their Journal of what passed this Morning on that Subject, and I presume you received it. I Earnestly request the Greatest attention, and Exertions of the Navy Board to have the Matters thereby directed, accomplished with the utmost dispatch and am Sir

Your Very Hble Serv[break]

Sign'd J Rutledge

P S.

Commodore Lockwood is appointed to the Command of the Bricole, Cap^t. Pyne of the Trout— & Cap^t. Sisk of the Notre Dame

The Commissioners of the Navy will be pleased to recommend to me as soon as Possible, proper Persons to fill up the Several Vacancys in the Marine department

A Letter to Mr Paul Pritchard

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board request that you do with all possible dispatch have the Ship Bricole & Trout the Brigg^t Notre Dame & all the Galleys put in good repair for Immediate Service and that you do hire as many private Carpenters to assist them belonging to the State Yard, as you can possibly Employ to advantage, and the Board will allow the same wages as Private Employes do, The Comm^{rs}— make no Doubt but you will Exert yourself in a particular Manner to Compleat the above Mentioned Vessels as the [break]vice of the State Require it

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st[break]

[Break] 24th Jan^y 1780

A Letter to Cap^t James Pyne

Sir/

Navy Board 25th. Jan^y 1780

His Excellency the Governour haveing Informd the Board of your appointment to the Command of the Trout— The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do with all possible dispatch get her fitted and ready for harbour Service, they make no doubt, but you will pay the Greatest attention, and Exert yourself in a particular manner to Get her ready as the Service of the State at this Time require the Greatest dispatch

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm^r

Copy of the above wrote to Cap^t W^m Sisk

A Letter to Cap^t David Lockwood

Sir/ Navy Board 25th Jan^y 1780

The Commissioners of the Navy Board being Inform'd by his Excellency the Governour, of your appointment to the Com[break] of the Ship Bricole, they request that you do with all possible dispatch get her fitted and ready for Harbour Service and that the Greatest attention and Exertion be used to Compleat her as the Service of the State at this time require the utmost dispatch

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r

A Letter to Coll^o. Jn^o. Creighton

Sir/ N Board 25th. Jan^y [break]

His Excellency the Governour having directed that the Schooners Pack Horse & Rice Bird be deliverd to you— The Commissioners of the Navy Board request that you do App[break] some person to Receive them and the Stores belonging to them as Early as Possible this day, when Cap^t. W^m Sisk will deliver the Rice Bird in Charles town, and M^r Paul Pritchard [break] deliver the Pack Horse at Hobcaw

By Order of the B[break]

Coll^o Jn^o. Creighton

E B[break]

A Letter to Cap^t W^m Sisk

Sir/ Navy B[break]

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do d[break] the Schooner Rice Bird to Coll^o Jn^o— Creighton or his orders and that y[break] do take an Inventory of all her Stores, and a Receîpt for the Same which Receipt youll please deliver to the Clerk of the Board

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Com^r=

A Note to M^r Paul Pritchard

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board request that you will deliver the Schooner Pack Horse to the Order of Coll^o John Creighton — —

By Order of the Board—

E Blake 1st Comm^r—

A Letter to M^r David Edgar

Sir/

Navy Board 25th., Jan^y 1780

Their being an absolute Necessity for all the Vessels belonging to the State being put in Repair, and made fit for Immediate Service, The Commissioners of the Navy Request that you Employ all the Carpenters that is under your Care and directions to get the Ship Bricole fitted and Put in good repair for the defence of the Harbour of Charlestown, and the Board will allow the same wages, as Private persons do pay, The Commissioners make no doubt but you will Exert yourself in a Verry particular manner to Compleat that Vessell as the Service of the State require the utmost Dispatch — —

By Order of the Board—

E Blake,, 1st., Comm^r—[Break]vy Board Thursday 27th., Jan^y 1780

Present, Edw^d., Blake Esq^r— 1st Comm^r
 Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

A Letter to His Excell^y the Governour

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy have Rec^d your Excellencys Letter and will use their Endeavours to have the different Vessels fitted with the Greatest dispatch; They Notice the appointments to the Bricole, Truit & Notre Dame, and Cannot a Void remarking that the Law that Constitutes the Navy Board authorises the Comm [break] to recommend all Officers to Serve in the Navy, They Recommend M^r. George Farragat, to the Command of the Revenge Galley, and as soon as they Can find Proper persons willing to Command the other Galleys will also recommend them

By Order of the Board

Navy Board 27 Jan^y 1780—E Blake 1st Comm [break]A Letter to M^r. George Farragat

Sir/

Navy Board 27 Jan^y 1780

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Immediately go on board the Revenge Galley, and that you do Examine all the Stores provisions & Sails on board Said Galley, & make a Return of the whole to the first Comm^r— tomorrow Morning, and that you do Endeavour by every means in your power to

Enlist forty [break] including Negroes, to Serve on board Said Galley for Six Months and as an Encouragement to men to Enter into the Service you are [break] allow to every able bodied Seaman, One hundred Dollars Bounty & forty five Dollars 79 M° , & to Every warrant & petty Officer to receive [break] Like Bounty and wages as Under Mentioned, and to Every able [break] Negro Man (of which you are to Endeavour to Engage twenty) [break] Dollars 79 M° . and that all Slaves so Employed Shall be [break] Valued when taken into the Service, and that Satis[break] Proprietors of Such Slaves as [break of several words] Captured by the Enemy which [break of several words] you are to apply to the first Comm^r— for money to [break] to Such as may Enlist—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm[break]

A Letter to Cap^t David Lockwood

Sir/

Navy Board 27th., Jan^y 1780

The Comm^{rs}. of the Navy have rec^d. your Letter of the 25th. Inst. and desire that you will recommend to them as soon as possible proper Persons as Officers to Serve on board the Bricole, and that you procure thirty Seamen for Said Ship and allow a bounty of one hundred Dollars for Each, & forty five Dollars 79 M° wages, to such as will Enter for Six M^o.. You will Apply to the first Comm^r— for what money may be wanted for that Service,

By Order of the Board

E Blake,, 1st., Comm^r.

The following Orders were drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the following persons Viz^t

Edw^d. & John Blake for Amot of 29 bbls rice, dl'd
the Commissary

£23213..10

Sam^l Beekman & C^o for Amot of 10 Different
Accot^s —————

16699 15

George Layfield for amot. of an Order, dl'd him by

E Blake. 333..2-6

£40246..7 6

Adjourned to Monday 4. O. Clock

Afternoon—

A Letter to M^r David Hambleton

Sir/

Navy Board 29 Jan^y 1780

It being absolutely Necessary for the defence of this state that the Ship Bricole be fitted for Harbour Service, The Comm^{rs} of the Navy Board request that you do Immediately Send all the Carpenters you have to work on board the Said Ship that She may be Completed with dispatch, Cap^t. Lockwood will Inform what work is Necessary—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm[break]A Letter to M^r. Edw^d Shrewsberry—

Sir/

It being absolutely Necessary for the defence of the State that the Ship Bricole, be Immediately fitted for harbour Service The Commissioners of the Navy Board request that you do Imme[break] go on board said Ship and Carry as many Carpenters to work on board her as can be Employed to advantage, Cap^t Lockwood will Inform you what work is Necessary to be done—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. . Comm^rA Letter to M^r. Etsell Lawrence

Sir/

Navy Board 29th. . Jan^y 1780

It being absolutely Necessary for the defence of the s[break] that the Ship Bricole be fitted for harbour Service, the Comm^{rs}. of the Navy Board request that you do Immediately on rece[break] of this Send as many Carpenters to work on board Said Ship as can be Employed to advantage, Cap^t Lockwood will Inform you what work is Necessary to be done—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st: Comm[break]A Note to His Excell^y the Gov[break]

Edw^d Blake presents his Compliments to his Excell^y the Gover[break] and Informs him that, a M^r DeLuke late a Lieu^t of the Marques of Britteny Galley, appointed to the Command of Said Galley, during the absence of Cap^t. Corviser, who has leave of absence from your Excell^y to go to France to Settle some private Business, has suffered said Galley to be robbed of a great part of her Stores & Sails, and although he has been directed to make Exact

returns to the Board of all Sails Stores & provisions which did belong to Said Galley, he has Neglected to do it, and as M^r Pritchard has Inform'd E B— that said DeLuke has been privey to the taking away such Stores he will be Obliged to his Excell^y to direct in what manner the Comm^{rs}— are to proceed against him.

29 Jan^y 1780

A Note from his Excell^y the Governour

The Governour requests that Lieu^t DeLuke may be put under arrest, and a Court Martial shall be Ordered on him, In the meantime The Comm^{rs} of the Navy will give the Marquest De Britigney Galley in Charge to Some proper Officer

Saturday 29 Jan^y 1780

A Letter to Lieu^t DeLuke

Sir/

You are to Consider yourself as under an arrest and hold yourself in Readiness for a Court Martial, the Charge against you, you will be made acquainted with in due time

By Order of the Board

29 Jan^y 1780

E Blake 1st. Comm^r—

[Break]tter to M^r W^m Saltridge

Sir/

Navy Board 29th Jan^y 1780

I have Just received a Message from his Excell^y the Governour and Gen^l. Lincoln, disiring to be Inform'd of the Number of Public Boats belonging to the State, also what repair they are in and what Number of men they will Carry, and that they be all of them Collected together and kept in Constant readiness for any Service— The Commissioners of the Navy Board therefore direct that you do deliver to the Clerk of the Board, an Exact return agreeable to the above request, and that the Same be done this day — —

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm^r

A Letter to M^r David Edgar

Sir/

Navy Board 29th., Jan^y 1780

The Commissioners of the Navy Board, request that you do bring to town to work on board the Ship Bricole, all the Carpenters you have in your Employ as there is a absolute Necessity to have that Ship fitted for Immediate Service—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r—

A Letter to Mess^{rs}. Curley & Russell

Gentⁿ.

Navy Board 29 Jan^y 1780

As there is an Absolute Necessity to have the Ship Bricole Immediately fitted for the defence of this State The Comm^{rs}. of the Navy Board, request that you do Early on Monday Morning, bring to Charlestown, all the Carpenters you have in your Employ to work on board Said Ship, and get her fitted with all possible Dispatch,

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r

A Letter to [break]

Sir/

Navy Board [break]

In Answer to your Letter of this day, the Comm^{rs} of the Navy Board, direct that the Ship Truit, be Immediately Caulked, hove down and made Stanch, and fitt for harbour Service, with all possible dispatch, that her upper deck remain on for the Present, but that the ports, on the Starboard Side be cut to Answer them in the Larbourd Side, as it is uncertain which Side may be most in Acciton— The Comm^{rs}— particularly recommend the greatest Exertion to get all the State Vessels ready for Service, and they on their part will give the Necessary directions to the Officers, and Every assistance in their Power to get them Manned, In regard to the Bricole the Commissioners are of Opinion, there is no Necessity for you to Send any hand to her as Russel & Curley are now on board her— The Marquest of Britteney Galley's Cable is on board the Schooner Pack horse, and the Schooners Cable is now what the South Edisto Galley now rides by— The Comm^{rs}. note what you recommend respecting Inventorys of the different Vessels Stores being delivered to the Clerk of the Yard, and his takeing the Stores in Charge and giving a Receipt for the Same, and will in future give directions to the Officers Accordingly—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r—

[Break]y Board Jan^y 31st., 1780 Monday

Present Edw^d. Blake Esq^r 1st Comm^r—

Edw^d Darrell & John Edwards Esq^{rs}

A Letter to his Excell^y the Governour

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy beg leave to Acquaint your Excellency, that by the late fire at Mr. George Smith's the Commissary of the Navy is deprived of the greatest part of the Storage he had, and as they are Informed, the Store lately Occupied by the French Concel under the Exchange no longer wanted by him request they may be deliverd up to the Commissary for the use of the Navy of this State

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm^r—

The following Order was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of Dan^l Smith, (Commissary) on accot. £10,000.—

Adjourned to Thursday 3 Feb^y 1780

4. O. Clock afternoon—

1779 The Brigg Buford Cap^{tn} Trion

T John Rosewell Dr

May

3	To	7 Blocks 10 Inches @ 10£	— — — — —	70—0—0
	To	12 Singel of 7 Inches @ 7£	— — — — —	84—0—0
	To	3 Duzzen of hanks @ 6£	— — — — —	18—0—0
10	To	1 fidel Block 18 Inches	— — — — —	18—0—0
	To	1 Singel 12 Inche	— — — — —	12—0—0
15	To	1 Iron Coog and pin	— — — — —	10—0—0
	To	1 Duzzen hand Spikes @ 4£/10		54—0—0
				<hr/>
				£266—0—0
	To	5 doz Hancks	— — — — —	30—0—0
				<hr/>
				£296—0—0

¹This account is on a separate sheet of paper and is pasted in at the page containing the journal entry for January 31, 1780. It is endorsed on the back:

Brigg^t. Beauford
to Jn^o Roswell Dr—
to be Certified by Captⁿ—
Tryon— and attested—
£150 paid in part of this
accot. by Order of E B—
£146 Balla—

I Certify that the above Blocks were rec'd on
Board Brigg Beauford for Use of Said Brigg
150£ to be p^d by Order of the Comm^{rs}—
to M^{rs}. Roswell—

Rec^d 20th. Sept^r. 1779 from W^m.
Burt One hundred & fifty pounds
in part of the above Recd for
my Husband John Roswell
Honor Rosewell

Edward Blake Presents his Compliments to¹ His Excellency the
Governor, and Agreeable to his request of this Morning sends him
a return Just rec'd from the publick Boat Keeper of all the Boats
belonging to this State Viz^t.—

in the Flood gate at the Governors Bridge wants Caulking. . . .	1.
in...D ^o1 pettiauger & 1 Batteau, wants some repairs. . . .	2
in .. Ditto ... in good Order New Bottomed.	1.
in . Ditto. . wants Caulking and Gunnels.	2.
Delivered for the Governor in good Order with Oars Compleat. .4.	
at James Island which the Low Tides has prevented being got }	
off— — — — —Wants Some repair	1.
at Pritchards in good Order.	1
at Ashley ferry 1 Batteau & 1 Horse Boat.	2
at Wallis's Bridge	1.
at the Governors Bridge wants Caulking.	1
at Cochrans Yard in good Order.	1.
in Charles Town in good repair.	2

19

These Boats will Carry One with another About 35 Men Each
The above is a Copy of M^r Saltridges return of Boats belonging to
the State His Excellency may depend on the Necessary Orders being
given, to have them all put in good repair for Imediate Service—
E B desired the Messenger to Acquaint Your Excellency that two

¹This note is on a separate sheet of paper and is pasted in at the page con-
taining the journal entry for January 31, 1780. It is endorsed on the back:

Note to His Excellency
of 30th. Jan^{ry}. 1780.

Large boats Suited for the French Ships would be very Useful to the State, at this time— Mr Plumbard has them in Charge
30th. . Jan^y. 1780

1779 The Brigg Buford Cap^t Trion¹

the	To John Rosewell D ^{tr}	
May 3 To 7 Blocks of 10 Inches..@ 10£—		70—0—0
To 12 Singel of 7 Inches—@ 7£.		84—0—0
To 3 Dozen of hank at 6£—		18—0—0
10 To 1 Fidel Block 18 Inches.		18—0—0
To 1 Duzzen hand Spikes @4/10		54—0—0
To 1 Singel Block 12 Inches		12—0—0
16 To 1 Iron Coog pin..		10—0—0
		— . . —
		266—0—0

A Note to His Excell^y the Gov[break]

Edw^d. Blake Presents his Compliments to His Excell[break] and will be Obliged to him for a Commission for M^r George Farragat of the Revenge Galley, and as a Number of Commissions will be wanted for the different Officers in the Navy, If his Excell[break] thinks proper to Sign ten or Twelve, E B Will fill them up as may be wanted, there is also a Number of warrants wanted for the different Vessels which he will also fill up, and deliver as wanted If his Excellency thinks proper to Sign about Twenty—

E. Blake beggs leave to Inform his Excellency that the Carolina Galley now Stationed at Skull Creek, in his Opinion may be in great danger of being Captured by the Enemy, if Continued on that Station, and would recommend that Cap^t. Ford be directed to Cruize between broad River and the mouth of Combeha River, by which the Inland Trade will be better protected and the Galley more out of danger of being Surprized and Captured by the Enemy—

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John Roswell

Account

The following affidavit also appears on the back:

John Rosewell doth make oath that the within Sum is justly due to him from the Brigantine Beaufort

Sworn this 5. January 1780

John Troup

A Letter to M^r W^m Saltridge

Sir/

Navy Board 2nd Feb^y 1780

I am verry Sorry to Observe that although, The Commissioners of the Navy Board, Some days past advised you of the Great Necessity of your Collecting together all the Public Boats and having them put Immediately in good repair, for any Service they may be wanted, there has been no Notice taken of it, The Comm^{rs}— of the Navy Board, therefore do direct that you do hire a Sufficient Number of hands, and have all the Boats belonging to the State Collected together, and put in Immediate good repair and in Order to forward so Essential a work if any of the Boats want any repair that you cannot with dispatch Compleat— the Commissioners will give Orders to Other Carpenters for to do [break] applying to the first Comm^r. and adviseing [break of several words] that due Regard will be paid to [break] Otherways they will be Obliged to Acquaint the Governour & the General thereof—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. . Comm^rNavy Board, Thursday 3 Feb^y 1780

Adjourned to Monday 4, OClock—

Navy Board Monday 7th., Feb^y 1780Present Edw^d. . Blake Esq^r. . 1st: Comm^r—Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—A Letter to Cap^t. W^m Sisk

Sir/

Navy Board 7th.. Feb^y 1780

The Commissary of the Naval Department has Inform'd the board that the Quantity of provisions, sent to the Notre Dame for the Men Employed on board her) has not been Accounted for Agreeable to the [break] of the Navy) by the Purser, and that you have Contrary to Custom orderd an additional Quantity of beef to be Served to the peop[break] The Commissioners of the Navy board therefore direct that you do [break] the Purser to deliver to the Commissary for the Naval Department an Exact Return of all the men Actually Employed on board [break] Dame as often as he may have Occasion

to draw prov[break] that one pound & a half of fresh beef be allowed to [break]

[Last line, containing the signature, burned off]

The Following Orders were drawn on the Treasu[break] of the following Persons—

Mess ^{rs} .. Edward Hughes & C ^o for 2 Casks rum dl'd the Comm ^y	£5120..—
James Pyne for Amo ^t . of his Acco ^t ; against the rutledge Galley	1739..15—
W ^m . Burt for Amo ^t of the Pay Bill of y ^e Rutledge Galley	3098..19..6
Cap ^t . Boitard for Amo ^t of Wages p ^d Seamen, for the Lee Galley— — — — —	1464.. 2..6
Thomas Waring for Amo ^t . of 8 Barr ^s Rice, dl'd the Commissary	6354..15..—
	<hr/>
	£17777..12..—

Adjourned to Thursday
4— OClock—

A Letter from His Excell^y the Governour

Sir/ 8 Feb^y 1780

I Request that you will order Cap^t. Ford to Cruize (as you proposed) between broad River and the Mouth of Combahea, and that you will recommend Officers for the Several Vacancies, in the Naval department, that they may be all filled, as soon as Possible, I have, directed a Commission to be made out for Cap^t. George Farragat, to Command the Revenge Galley— I Acquainted M^r— Plumbard that the State would take the two Boats, which were built for Count D^eEtang, and desired that they might be deliverd to M^r Pritchard) which I Presume they have been, the Navy Board will direct that those boats, and all others belonging to the Public be fitted for Service as soon as Possible

I am Sir/ Your Verry Hble Serv^t
Edw^d Blake Esq^r. 1st. Comm^r— (Sign'd) J Rutledge—

[Break] from His Excell^y the Gov^r—

[Break] 8 Feb^y 1780

By and with the Advice and Consent of the Council, I have requested Commodore Whippell to take under his Command, the

Ships Bricole & Truit, the Brigg^t Notre Dame and the Galleys, belonging to this State, and to have them fitted for Service, with the utmost dispatch, and Stationed and disposed of in the best and most Effectual manner for defence of this town and Harbour, and I desire that you will Immediately, direct the Capt^{ns}.. of those Vessels to follow the Comm^{rs} Orders, and that you will give him every assistance which he may Require of you, for Expediting this business—

I am Gentⁿ. your most Obed[break]

The Commissioners of the Navy (Sign'd) J Rutledge

A Letter to Capt^t. David Lockwood

Sir/ Navy Board 8 Feb^r— 1780

His Excell^y the Governour, with the advice of the Privy Council, Haveing Inform'd the Board, that they had requested Commodore Whippel, to take under his Command the Ships Bricole & Truit, the Brigg^t, Notre Dame and the Gallies belong[break] to this State, and to have them fitted for Service, with the utmost dispatch & have them Stationed, and disposed of in the best and most Effectual manner for the defence of this town and Harbour The Commissioners of the Navy Board, direct that you do receive and Obey all Orders received from him as Commander in Chief

By Order of the board

E Blake 1st., Comm[break]

Copy of the above Letter wrote to the foll^g.,

Captains—Viz^t—

Cap^t James Pyne of the Ship Truit

Cap^t W^m Sisk of y^e. Brigg^t Notre Dame

Cap^t. Boitar of y^e. Lee Galley

Cap^t. George Faragatt, of y^e. Revenge Galley

A Letter [break]

Sir/ Navy Boa[break]

His Excell^y., the Governour has again repeated his request that all the boats be put in good repair for any Immediate Service,

The Comm^{rs}. of the Navy therefore again direct that [break] boat belonging to the State be Collected together, and put in good repair, and if any assistance of Carpenters are wanted to Compleat them, The Comm^{rs}.. will give directions to M^r. Pritchard for that purpose —

By Order of the Board—

E. Blake 1st Comm^r—

A Letter to Capt. Benjⁿ. . Ford

Sir/

Navy Board 8th., Feb^y 1780

The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you do Cruize in the Carolina Galley, between broad River and Combehea River and that you do as often as you can, goe down to the mouth of the different Inletts, and give every assistance in your power to any Coasting Vessell, belonging to this or any of the United States of America, and Endeavour by every means in your power to distroy any Vessel that may appear in any of the Inletts, and give the Earliest Intelligence of the Motion of the Enemy, To the Commanding Officer of the nearest post that the Same may be Sent to the Governours or Commissioners in the most Expeditious manner, you are also to advise the Comm^{rs}. as often as can be, of the State and Condition of the Galley and of what Stores you may want for the use of the Galley and if any money is wanted for the use of the Crew, and it shall be forwarded to you,

The Commissioners particularly recommend that you do not remain more then forty Eight Hours at any one place, but keep Constantly Cruizing as before directed—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st C[break]

Mr. John Withers Proposals to the Comm^{rs}—

4. Feb^y 1780

Proposals. by the Subscriber made to the Gentⁿ., Commissioners of the Navy for Furnishing them with Sixty Steers and Ninety Hoggs.. The Beef to be well Cured in such Casks as the Comm^{rs}— may furnish for that purpose as also the pork, the Beef @ 40/ [Ⓕ]w, the Pork @ 50/ [Ⓕ]w... The Comm^{rs}. to furnish a Sufficient Quantity of good Salt, for that purpose the Quantity of each above mentioned to be deliverd in Charlestown on or before the 1st— day of may next Unavoidable Accidents only Excepted by

Gentⁿ. Your most Obed^t. Hble Serv^t

(Sign'd)— John Withers—

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board Agree to Accept your Proposals to Supply the Navy Board with Sixty Steers and Ninety Hoggs, the Beef and pork to be Salted and well Cured by you, and Pack'd in Such casks as the Commissary for the Navy may furnish— The Comm^{rs}. to pay 40/ [Ⓕ]w for Beef, and fifty Shillings [Ⓕ]w. for

all the Pork, you shall deliver to the Commissary in Charlestown, the Commissary to furnish a Sufficient Quantity of Salt at the Expence of the Public

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Comm^r—

Navy Board, Thursday 10th. Feby [break]

Present Edw^d. . Blake Esq^r— 1st Comm^r
Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^r

A Note to His Excell^y the Governour

Sir/

The Commissioners of the Navy Board beg leave to recomm^d to your Excell^y. M^r. Charles Crowley as a fit & proper person to Command the Marquest of Britigney Galley, and will be obliged to your Excell^y (if he is approved of) to Order a Commission to be made out as soon as Convenient—

Feb^y 10th— 1780

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Comm^r—

A Letter to Cap^t David Lockwood

Sir/

In answer to your Letter to the board of this day The Commissioners of the Navy board will give orders for the Purchasing M^r. Dorsius boat & C^t. for the Bricole, and will be glad to be Inform^d in whose possession the Other boat is which you recommend as fit for the Trute— In respect to filling the water wanted for the Bricole, The Commissioners recommend that it be done at Hobcaw, as the best and most Convenient place, and that you do Employ Six or Eight good Negroes, under the directions of a Sober diligent white man to have it filled, with dispatch, and brought down in the Schooner Pack Horse, which is already at Hobcaw, the Schooner has a Jibb belonging to her, and Cap^t. Arthur has a Main Sail belonging to the Lee Galley, which will be Sufficient for that

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st [break]

A Letter to M^r. Charles Crowley

[Break]/

Navy Board 10th., Feb^y 1780—

The Commissioners of the Navy have rec^d., your Letter Offering to take the Command of the Galley Marquest of Briteny

They therefore direct that you take charge, of said Galley Immediately, and have her put into proper Condition for Immediate Service, you are also to procure a Sufficient Number of Seamen, for Said Galley, as soon as Possible—

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1^s. Comm^r

The following Order's was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of the Following Persons Viz^t

W ^m Burt for to pay Bounty to the Revenge & {	£16250.. [break]
Lee Galleys 10,000 Dollars is Curr ^y }	
W ^m Burt to pay for Sundrys bot ^t .. for the Com- {	
missary, from Mess ^{rs} . Wells & Lethgow & {	£12980 . [break]
bill dl'd. }	
Dan ^l . Smith for Ball ^a . of his Acco ^t . due to 1 st .	
Jan ^y 1780	15985..18[break]

£

Adjourned to Monday 14 Feb^y 4. O.Clock

Copy of an Order to Mr Paul Pritchard

Navy Board 14 Feb^y [break]

Mr Pritchard is to deliver the S^o Edisto Galley with her Sto[break]
to the Order of Commodore Whippell—

1780

Signd E Darrell—

Feb^y 15th. An Order Rec^d from E Blake Esq^r— to pay Bounty to Seamen, for the diff^t Vessels in the States Service

Navy Board Thursday 17th. Feb^y 1780

Adjourned to Monday [break]

A Letter to Mr. Joseph [break]

Sir/

Navy Board [break]

The Public are in want of some Small Cannon for the use of Some of the Galleys in the Harbour, The Comm^{rs} of the Navy would be glad you will spair them some of your guns on Motts

Wharf for that purpose, and request to know weather you have the Spunges rammers & C^e belonging to them

By Order of the Board

E Blake first Comm^r—

An Order was drawn on the Treasury for in favour of W^m Burt to pay Bounty to Seamen. . . Rec^d from E Blake Esq^r— £16250. . 17-6.

A Letter to M^r. Paul Pritchard

Sir/

Navy Board Feb^y 20th— 1780

The Commissioners of the Navy desire you will have the S^o— Edisto Galley with all her Stores in your possession sent to town as soon as possible and direct the Persons that bring her, to carry her round to Cap^t. Blakes Wharf at South Bay, where part of her Stores are Lodged; you will hasten the finishing the Oars both for Galleys and Boats and Send them to Town as fast as Possible —

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm^r—

Navy Board Monday 21. Feb^y 1780

Present Edw^d. . Blake Esq^r. 1st. Comm^r. Josiah Smith & Edw^d Darrell Esq^{rs}—

A Letter to M^r Paul Pritchard

Sir/

Navy Board 21 Feb^y 1780

The Governour has desired us, to direct you to have the Prison Brigg^t. together, with the flatts and other boats at the yard brought to town as soon as possible, the Brigg^t. to be Carried into Ashley River Opposite Wappoo, and the boats and flatts to be left at town, you are also to bring to town all the hands from the yard Except so many as are Necessary to finish the Oars and Anchor Stocks directed you are also to retain all M^{rs}. Lampere's Negroes in your Service till [break]ther directions

By Order of the Board

E B[break]

[Break] to bring down all the

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[Break] Letter [break] David Lockwood
[Break]/

Navy Board 21 Feb^y 1780

By particular desire of his Excell^y the Governour [break]
General Lincoln, The Commissioners of the Navy Board, direct that
you do Transport the Bricole with all possible dispatch to such
Station in Ashley River as Commodore Whippell may [break] The
Commissioners Earnestly request that you will Exert yourself on
this Occasion as the Safety of the State greatly depends on the
Navy being properly Stationed, and the Exertion of the Officers
[break] Men belonging thereto—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r—

Copy of the above wrote Cap^t. James Pyne }
of the Ship Truit & Cap^t. W^m Sisk of the }
Brigg^t Notre Dame }

To

Edward Blake

Esq^r

The Governor requests that the Comm^{rs}: of the Navy will order the
Galley commanded by Cap^t. Miller to be supplied immediately, with
what provisions & Necessaries are wanted for her ———

Feb. 22— 1780¹

A Note to Cap^t W^m Phillips

Sir

Navy Board 22nd. . Feb^y. 1780

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that as soon as you have
delivered the Powder from your Schooner, that you take on board
such Gunns & Stores for the Truit as Cap^t. Pyne Shall direct which
are to be Carried on board said Ship—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm^r—

Navy Board. Thursday 24 Feb^y 1780

Adjourned to Monday 28th Feb^y 1780

¹This note was pasted to the page containing the communications to Lockwood and Phillips.

To

Edw^d. Blake Esq^r
 first Comm^r of y^e Navy
 of S^o. Carolina

Sir/

Inclosed is a Letter just rec^d. from Mr. Livingston—wth. a Memd^m. of Articles wanted by Commodore Whipple—I request that you will give an order on the Arsenal for such of these Articles as the State does not want, & can^t. be procured elsewhere—others can^t. be expected—

Y^{rs}. In haste
 Feb. 23. 1780¹

a Letter to Cap^t. David Lockwood

Sir/

Navy board 25th. Feb^y [break]

The Comm^{rs}. of the Navy Board direct that a regular daily [break] of all the Men on duty on board the Ship Bricole be Signed by you and Sent to the Commissary every morning, that proper Rations may be deliverd, and as bread is Verry Scarce at this time, and not to be purchased it is Orderd that no more than a Quarter of a pound of Bread ~~per~~ day be Served to Each man and the [break] of the usual allowance made up in pease and Rice

The Commissioners make no doubt that when the Men are proper [break] with the Necessity of this regulation they will be Satisfied [break] Especially as the Continental Frigates are Under the

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Copy of the Letter on the Other [break of several words]

Cap^t James Pyne of Ship TruitCap^t W^m Sisk — — of Brigg^t Notre DameCap^t Ch^s Crawley—of Marquest of Britigney GalleyCap^t Farragat — — of the Revenge—————d^oCap^t Boitar — of the Lee Galley—————d^oA Letter from His Excell^y the Governour

Gentlemen

-Feb^y 15th., 1780

By and with the Advice and Consent of the Privey Council
 I do hereby direct and require you, or any two of you to Execute the
 Several Powers and Authorities given to you by Act or Ordinance

¹This note, in the handwriting of Governor Rutledge, is pasted to the page of the journal containing the letters to David Lockwood and William Phillips.

of the General Assembly (lately Expired) untill ten days after the next Meeting and Setting of the Legislature—

I am

To Your most Obed^t Serv^t—

Edw^d Blake Esq^r., 1st., Comm^r.

(Signed) J Rutledge

Josiah Smith, John Edwards,

Roger Smith, George-Abbot Hall,

George Smith, Edw^d Darrell, Esq^{rs}.,

Commissioners of the Navy of S^o. Carolina

N B. this Letter to be
Inserted the 15th
Feb^y, under the Copy
of an Order to Paul
Pritchard—

The following Orders was Drawn on the Treasury for in fav^r. of the foll^g Persons ———

24 Feb^y— W^m Burt to pay Bounty to Seamen, Rec^d

from E B

£16975 .. 16—3

26 Feb^y— ditto d^o. to pay Bounty to Seaman rec^d

from E B— — — — —

20003 .. 15—

26 D^o Dan^l Smith Commissary an Acco^t rec^d from

E. B— — — — —

24863—15—

Rec^d from E Blake Esq^r

March 2nd: To W^m— Burt to pay Bounty to Seamen

rec^d from E B— — — — —

14820 — — —

£76,663 .. 6 .. 3

Edw^d & John Blake for Amo^t of their Acco^t }

[break] Salt & Sails [undecipherable word] } 62644 .. 7 .. [break]

Commissary

[Break] Note from His Excellency the Governor—

Sir/

March 4th., 1780

Capt. Ford (I understand) has but Eight men in the Galley Intended for George Town, as less then double that Number will be Insufficient, I wish you would Order Eight more put on board the Galley—

Your most Obed^t Serv^t.

(Signd) J Rutledge

A Note from His Excell^y the Governor

4 March 1788

The Governour request that the Commissioners of the Navy will order Such a number of Vessels as the General may require Station'd at Such places as he shall Direct—

A Letter to His Excellency the Governor—

Sir

Agreeable to your Excellencys request of yesterday The Commissioners of the Navy Board, Order'd Several of the Arm'd Vessels to hawl from the Wharf and take their Stations as the Gene[break] directed, the Owners Readily Agreed to let the Vessels for that Service But Requested that they might first be appraised; As the Com[break] have no directions to have that done, or to promise any Satisfac[break] to the Owners in Case the Vessels should be damaged or destroyed by [break] Enemy while in the Service, they Request your Excellency will give them the necessary Directions on that Subject—

5 March 1780

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm[break]

A Note from the Governor, 4 March 1780

The Governor Requests that the Comm^{rs}: of the Navy will O[break] Such a Number of Vessels as the Gen^l may require Shall [break] such places as he shall Direct—

a Nother Note from the Govern[break]
Cap^{tn}. Ford (I understand) has but 8 men in the Gall[break] less than double that number will be Insuff[break]

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Sir/

Navy Board[break]

The Commissioners of the Navy Board, direct [break] Anchor your Schooner Gen^l. Gates in ashley River as near to James Island as you can with Safety, nearly Opposite Lambols Bridge and that you cause, a Regular and good watch to be kept on board, as well to prevent being Surprised, as to give the Earliest notice of the Movement of any of the Enemys boats or Vessels, and any men that you may Ship, not already Engaged in the Service will be protected while doing duty on board your Vessell

Copy of the above wrote Cap^t Holroyd
of Ship James, & Cap^t Jer^h. Dickinson }
of the Sloop —

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st Comm^r—

A Letter to Capt. Benj^a. Ford—

Sir/ Navy Board 6th March 1780

The Commissioners of the Navy direct, that you proceed with all possible dispatch, with the S^o. Edisto Galley, to George Town within land and on your Arrival there you are to follow such Directions as you may Receive from Coll^o Harriott, and give all possible Assistance in the defence of that port } you are to use every Endeavour to Compleat the Maning of your Galley on your Arrival there, in which you will be assisted by Coll^o. Harriott, who will also have your Galley Supplied with Such Necessaries as she may want—

The Pay of your Men will be lodged with Mr. Rothmollar of George Town, to whome you will apply when it becomes due—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st C[break]

A Letter to Capt^t Crawley

[Break] Navy Board 6th March 1780

The Commissioners, being in want of a proper person to Act as Lieutenant of the S^o. Edisto Galley and at the [break] time as pilot Inland to the N^oward, and being Inform'd that you have your full Compliment of Men request that you will Spare Mr Layfield from on board your Galley to Act in [break] Station

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm^r

Job Rothmollar for Amo^t of his Acco^t. p^d by Edw^d

Blake Esq^r ④ Acco^{ts}. dl'd. £10647.16.3
p^d him Amo^t of James Cryer Acco^t. ④ Acco^t: dld. . . 203.2..6

Gent./

I request that you will direct the Several Vessells which are, or may be employed, in the defence of this Harbour to be appraised— & inform the owners of them that the State will make good any damage which these Vessells sustain, whilst So employed/

I am Gent

Y^r. most obed Serv^t.

J Rutledge ^{sr}

March 6—1780

To
The Comm^{rs}— of the Navy of S^c. Carolina¹

A Letter to His Excell^y the Governor
Sir/ Navy Board March 7[break]
General Lincoln has applyed to the Commissioners of [break]
Navy to have all the Vessels moved from the Wharfs out of the
Way of the Town, which he desires may be done as soon as poss
[break] as the Commissioners conceive they have no power to give
any Order for that purpose, they take the Liberty to Acquaint you
with the Generals requisition that proper measures m[break] be
taken thereon— I am in the absense of the first Commissioner
Sir your most Obed^t Serv^t
(Signd) Edw^d Darrell

Copy of the Governors Answer
I think I desired the Commissioners of the Navy Several [break]
ago to have this done, but if not I now request that they will
Immediately,

March 7th. 1780 (Signd)
J Rutledge—

A Letter to Capt^t [break]
Sir Navy [break]
The Commissioners of the Navy direct [break] remove the
Brigg^t. Adriana as soon as possible to the mouth of Hog Island
Creek, where you are to keep Strict look out every night to prevent
Surprize, and to stop all boats and detain those that have not passes
Signed by persons appointed for that purpose and to report any
material Occurrences—
you are also to apply to the Commissary of
the Navy for daily provisions for your Vessell who will be Orderd
to Supply you therewith

By Order of the Board
E Blake 1st. Comm^r

1780

March

The following Vessels being taken for the use of the State were

¹This note, in the handwriting of Governor Rutledge, is pasted to the page containing Blake's note of the 6th and Darrell's and the Governor's notes of the 7th.

appraised by Mess^{rs} Nath^l Russel and Dan^l Bourdeaux with the Stores belonging to Said Vessels— Viz^t

The Ship James	⌘ Inventory del'd at.	£200,000
Schooner Chance	⌘ ditto d ^o .	50,000

a Note from the Governor, March 11th.. 1780

The Governor Requests that the Comm^{rs}: of the Navy will procure the Articles within mentioned and send them to Commodore Whippel as soon as Possible,

Viz^t 400 fathom Cable, 2 Large Anchors

24 Small Anchors, 12 Crafts or boats 300 fathom Chains

400 fathom Small Chain

Rec^d from E^d. Blake Esq^r .to pay Bounty for Seamen

[break] to pay Bounty to Seamen, rec^d from E. Blake £19760

[Break] Cap^t Isaac Caton

[Break] Navy Board 11th March [break]

The Brigg^t.. under your Command being taken [break] the Service of the State, the Commissioners of the Navy direct that you do as soon as Possible remove the Said Brigg^t. into Ashley River, and moore her about a Cables Length above Cap^t. Newtons Schooner and that a Strict nightly watch be kept on board to prevent a Surprize and to give allarm of the approach of any boat or Vessel; you are to Stop all boats and detain Such as have not proper passes and report every meterial Occurrence—

The Commissioners of the Navy will Supply you with daily Provisions and if any Ammunition should be wanted for your Vessel you are to apply to the Navy Board

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Com[break]

The Commissioners of the Navy are hereby Impowered to Impress and take such articles as may be Necessary for the Public service giving the Owners thereof a Certificate of their having taken them

Sign'd J Rutledge

March 13. 1780

A Letter to Cap^t. George of Schooner [break]

Sir Navy Board 11 March [break]

The Commissioners of the Navy direct that you remove your Schooner, between the French Polacre & Shutes folly [break] to

Intercept any boats that may be passing and that you [break] a Strict nightly watch and Stop all boats that may be passing and detain all such as have not proper passes [break] and to report any meterial Occurrence— The Commiss[break] of the Navy will Supply you with daily provisions for [break] people and if any Ammunition is wanted you are to apply [break] Navy Board

By order of the Board

E Blake 1^{ts}. [break]

Capt George Schooner Red Bird—

A Letter to [break]

Sir/

Navy Board [break]

There is a large chain lying in the mouth of [break] which is Immediately wanted for particular Service The Commissioners of the Navy board direct that you do with the assistance of Cap^t. Crowley in the Marquest of Britigney Galley endeavour to take up said chain and send it Immediately to Gibbs Wharf— The Commissioners particularly recommend that you place the Galley in Such position as to prevent the Enemy firing on the boats Employed in taking up the Chain But should you and Cap^t Crowley be of Opinion that the work Cannot be Effected with out two great Risque of your mens lives, they desire that you will Immediately report to the Board in writing—

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st. Comm^r.

Copy of the above wrote Cap^t Crowley }
of the Marquest of Britigney Galley }

A Letter to Abraham Whippel Esq^r

Sir/

Navy Board 12th March 1780

His Excell^y the Governor has put into the hands of the Comm^{rs} of the Navy a Letter from yourself and the Cap^{tns}. of the Navy requiring Sundry Articles, which he has directed us to furnish if possible— But we are Sorry to Acquaint you it is out of our power to furnish all the Articles you require, with respect to the large Cable we are not possessed with any that will Answer for One and we Immagine that a Cable may be had from Cap^{tn}. . Engs and Cap^t. Holroyds Ship, But these will not be Sufficient without the assistance of the Vessels below, the Small Cable must be taken from the Vessels here as also the small anchors, but it will be utterly Impossible to procure the Quantity of Chain you want there is about 50

fathom of large chain laying aCross Wappo Cut which Cap^t Lockwood can Inform you about and this is all that [break] procured, If you think the articles we can Supply [break] with your Own assistance we [break] [Break of several words at the top of the page] present to chuse such of them as [break] accounts

We are Sir your most Obed^t Serv^{ts}

E Blake 1st. Comm^r

P. S.

If you send an Officer to Chuse the Articles we request he may be Instructed as to the Size of the Anchors and Cables, as also the Craft and boats—

The Brigg^t Nancy belonging to Cap^t Caton, being this day taken into the State Servis was appraised by Mr Natha^l Russ[break] & Mr Dan^l Bourdeaux as ~~£~~ Inventory dld 16th March 80 at Two hundred & thirty thousand pounds Car^a. Curr^y £230,00[break] 20th March Russell & Curley p^d them Amo^t of their Acco^t. by Edw^d Blake Esq^r for work done to the Ship Bricole. £4387..10
An Order was drawn on the Treasury for in fav^r. of)
White & Doghty for am^t of their Acco^t. (2118.10

a Letter to Cap^t James Pyne

Sir/ Navy Board 22nd March [break]
The Commissioners of the Navy Board direct that you [break] from on board the Ship Truit, all the Guns shot & powder [break] Send them to cha^s town in the most Expeditious manner you [break] the Powder we would recommend be sent in thee Pilot boat, [break] Other Vessel wanted besides the Continental Schooners you [break] Stop the One which is gone to the fort with Stores—

By Order of the Board

E Blake [break]

A Letter to [break]

Sir/ Navy Board [break]
The Commissioners of the Navy Board d[break] do Imme- diately go down with the Crissis Pilot boat allong side the Truit and take out of her all the Shot & powder Cap^t Pyne will deliver you which you are to bring to Ch^s town with all Possible dispatch

By Order of the Board

E Blake 1st Comm^r

1780

March Tho^s Ferguson (p^d by Edw^d Blake Esq^r.) for Amot.
 of his Acco^t for Provisions Supply the Commissary . . . £22.200

March 23rd. 1780

Paide John Prioleau, by Edw^d Blake Esq^r— for Salt

Peter for the use of the fire ship. £812..10—

Paid Tho^s Grayson p^d by Edw^d Blake Esq^r for Beef }
 Supplied the S^o. Edisto Galley, Cap^t. Ford— — — } 954,,—,—

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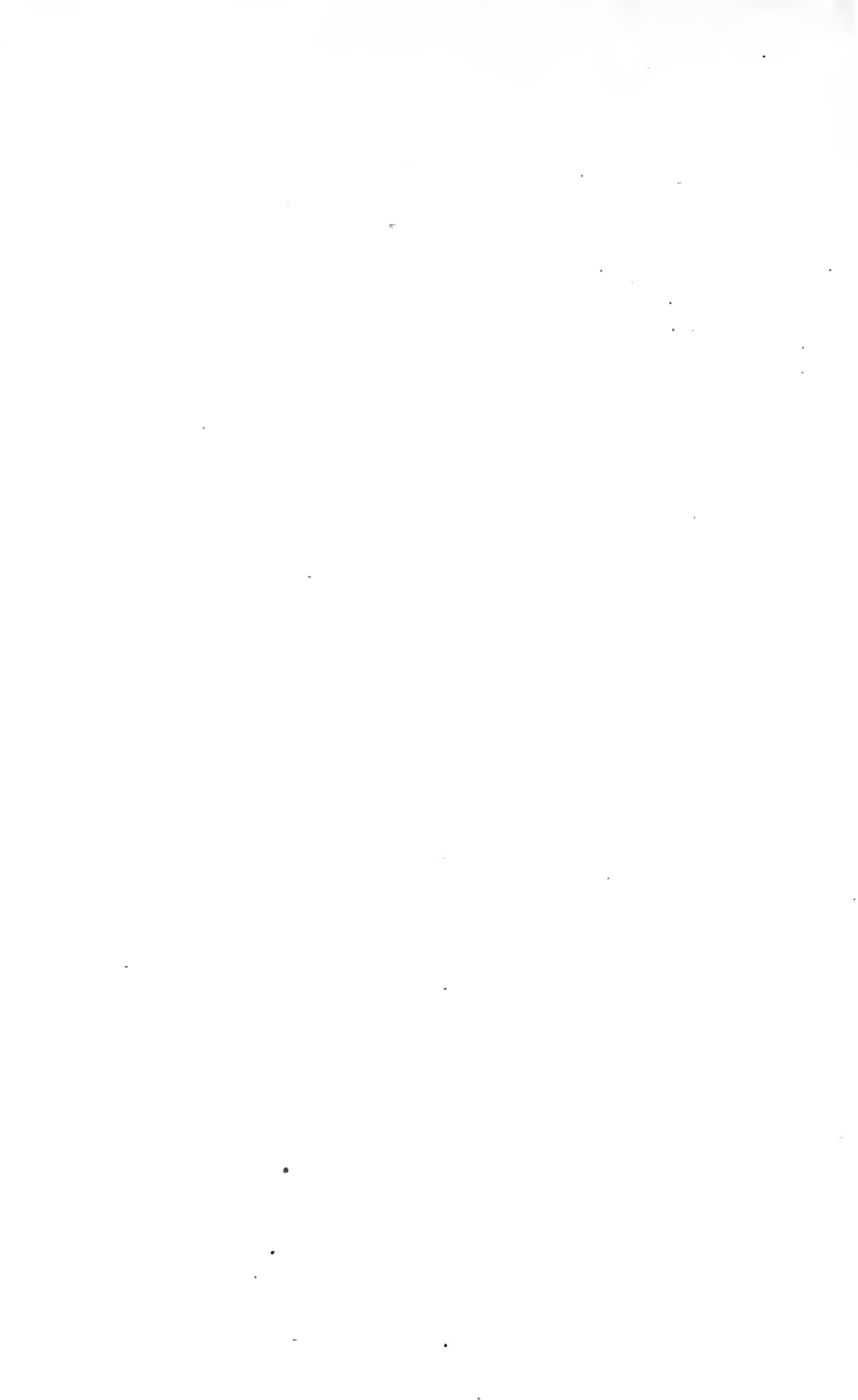
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